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# THE Tomorrow

Contender or pretender? Do any of the contenders offer real competition to Reagan in this year's presidential election?

Happy blend Can art and money mix, asks Bryan Appleyard? (Spectrum). The Barbican situated in the money-making square



Looking ahead to this weekend's all-Merseyside Milk Cup final, David Miller talks to Howard Kendall, once an Everton player, now the team's

Pure delight A Special Report looks into the legitimacy of Turkey's new parliament. It also tells you how to make Turkish delight and about wolf-killing

# Health risk shuts record office

The Public Record Office at Kew will be closed until further notice "to avoid risk to the health of public and staff" while samples from the air-conditioning system are tested. The office was reopened last Thursday after a three-week closure.

### Illinois boost for Mondale

Mr Walter Mondale's victory over Senator Gary Hart in the Illinois primary has restored the former Vice-President's momentum as front runner for the Democratic presidential nomi

### 'Porn' ruling

The Metropolitan Police must grade alleged pornographic material, making value judg-ments they believe should be left to the courts, after losing High Court appeal

# Warships bump

A Soviet nuclear submarine collided with the US aircraft carrier Kitty Hawk in Sea of Japan. There were no casualties and no apparent damage to either vessel.

### Maze charges

A retired civil servant, his wife and daughter have been charged in connexion with the murder of William McConnell, the Maze prison official

### Safety scare A Spanish investigation into

airport safety standards last year has disclosed that only one fire engine at Madrid's Barajas airport was fully operational Page 7

### Mortgage cut

National Westminster and Bank of Scotland are cutting their mortgage rates to 10.5 per cent. Lloyds is expected to announce a reduction soon Page 17

# Shipyard strike

The 3,000 shipyard workers at Cammell Laird on Merseyside walked out in a union dispute, hours after it was learnt that the yard had lost a vital oil rig order Page 17

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# Thatcher to press for retaliation against Community

 Mrs Thatcher made clear to MPs she
 President Mitterrand, in conciliatory will seek Cabinet agreement on some form of retaliatory action against the EEC for withholding Britain's rebate

 The European Commission is putting together the new farm price package agreed by agriculture ministers last week, although the Community cannot afford to pay

haste, the Prime Minister told

her former Foreign Secretary,

Mr Francis Pym, who advised caution: "I do not think one can

go on as if nothing has happened".

The Cabinet will consider a

series of detailed options, which officials have carefully prepared

against the present crisis, of

varying severity. They include draft legislative proposals, again .

in varying forms, to empower the Government to withold part

of Britain's due payments to the Community, which now run at

a monthly net level of £1,000m.

areas of Community practices.

possible reports, for consider-

ation by the Cabinet next week,

on the legal and practical consequences of any step taken.

£2bn shortfall in

farm package

From Ian Murray, Brussels

iner a larm price

package it knows the Com-

munity cannot afford, after the

If, 28 seems inevitable, the

package is voted through by

agricuture ministers at the

beginning of next week, it will

mean the Community will be at

least £2,000m short of the money it needs by the end of

It would be possible to defer

up to a third of this amount by

delaying legally-due payments

until next year. This worked last

year, short of a voluntary levy

among member states, there

were no clear ideas within the

Commission yesterday of where

A further, unknown compli-

cating factor would arise if Britain were to decide to stop

any of its payments to the Community. These total £100m

net a month, all of which is

Mrs Thatcher has made it

clear that she will have to

interpreted as meaning with-

holding contributions - it it is not paid its promised £457m

rebate by the Community

It is now technically imposs-

ible for the money to be paid by

then. At the end of the summit.

France and Italy insisted it

could not be released, because

there had not been agreement

on a total package of reforms.

Although Britain hotly disputes the legality of this link, there is

nothing which can be done now

before the end of the financial

budget committee, which was to

have discussed releasing the

rebate yesterday, had no regu-

lation from the council to

The European Parliament's

year.

before the end of this month.

"safeguard Britain's interests"

needed to help pay the bills.

the money could come from.

the year.

failure of this week's summit.

The European Commission is consider. Therefore nothing will

lorw

the frontiers.

mood, made it clear that he has no intention of freezing Britain out of the Community, despite the Brussels failure

• Herr Genscher, the West German Foreign Minister, insisted that Germany would start immediately on a search for a solution to the questions still open page 7

By Julian Haviland, Political Editor

recrimination It was clear that nothing would be done until April !; by which date the Community yesterday heaped upon the British Government from the European Community's capital would, in the British Governcities, after the breakdown of ment's view, have deliberatley the Brussels summit. Mrs counted counter-measures by Margaret Thatcher made plain failing to pay the £457m rebate in the House of Commons that on the British budget contrishe will today seek the Cabinet's; butions for 1983, agreement to some form of The rebate was agreed by the retaliatory action.

Although it was said that nothing would be decided in

the heads of government at the Stuttgart summit last summer, with what Britain regards as a binding commitment to payment by the end of March. As the Brussels negotiations

ran into the sand on Tuesday night, the foreign affairs coun-cil against the strong protests of Sir Geoffrey Howe, decided to continue to block the rebate. This step, at the suggestion of France and Italy, was expected but was none the less seen by

British ministers and officials as an arbitrary piece of provo-Mrs Thatcher described the move yesterday as "most reprehensible" and "almost

The options vary in the extent to which they would invite challenge in the European But there were clear signs yesterday that any plainly illegal action by Britain in response Court. It was said in Whitehall yesterday that many member would cause angry divisions states in the Community had done blatantly illegal things, and there were also many grey within the Conservative Party. Mr Edward Heath said in a BBC interview that he was certainly not prepared to vote for anything which was plainly unconstitutional and illegal But ministers were thought likely today to call for the fullest such as legislation to withold

British payments.
Although Mr Heath's following among Conservative MPs is

ard to bext week's

session of the parliament itself,

lifting the freeze on payment.

which was to have voted on

The Commission is trying to

run the EEC business as usual.

It has prepared a transport

council for today, to tackle the

kinds of problems which have

led French lorry drivers to block

up the farm proposals, which are expected to be based closely

on the deal agreed provisionally

by agriculture ministers last

week. In addition, it will

include a special concession to

Ireland, granting it the right to

of milk over the year than

of last week's paper.
But all this will cost money

which the Community at the

Commission is therefore pre-

paring contingency plans for later in the year, listing spend-

ing according to legal priorities.

the always that foreigners that make the EEC

50 difficult...

The Commission is drawing

his lead in this: Several cautions voices were raised by the

European wing of the party during yesterday's exchanges. There would be little oppo-sition, however, if the Govern-ment decided to delay a Bill which it had proposed to introduce next week, to authorize £100m in advance pay-ments to the European Commission, to help meet the Community's pressing cash commitments.

It was widely assumed yesterday that the Bill, to which the Government is not legally

bound, will not now proceed.

When Mrs Thatcher reported to the Commons, her disparaging account of her Community colleagues' final offer on the "British problem", and her explanation of her rejection of it were received with far more approval than she could have expected if she had settled on the terms available.

Mr Neil Kinnock was con-temptuous that, as banker to the

Community and with the client about to go bankrupt, she had still failed to exert her unique power to "get our money".

But he was all for vengeance

There could be no question of going ahead with the whipround" for the Community, and he wanted legislation to with-hold contributions introduced Europe's odd woman out

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# Mitterrand in mood of conciliation monarch — said he intends to profer the invitation during a meeting at Windsor Castle scheduled for April 2. "I think

From Diana Geddes

President Mitterrand made clear, in a remarkably conciliatory televized interview last night, that he has no intention of freezing Britain out of the EEC. Life in the Community would go on despite the summit failure, he insisted and it would go on with all 10 members.

M Mitterrand firmly delined to denounce or criticize Britain. It was a country he respected and a great friend of France, he said and he wanted to preserve that friendship. But Britain must understand that it could not be at one and the same time both inside and outside the

produce a million more tonnes He went out of his way to express sympathy and underwould be allowed under terms standing for Britain's problem over its contributions to the budget. He said he realized the average British income was only moment does not have. The three-quarters of that in France. But there were three basic principles on which the Community was based and those must not be touched, otherwise Europe would be destroyed.

> He listed those principles as the common agricultural policy, the customs union and Community preference. Britain was not wholly respecting the last of the principles, he suggested.

> M Mitterrand said it was his desire and intention that the whole Community of 10 member states should move forward together. They had three months to find a solution to the one outstanding problem before them before the next summit at Fontainebleau in June.

On his return from his official visit to the United States, he intended to take up his task to build Europe into the world power that it could be. run.

LSD and cocaine during the



Queen at the centenary service of St Columba's Church of Scotland in London

yesterday (Photograph: Suresh Karadia)

Mr Herzog: 'more should be done."

considerable resentment in Israel and focused attention on the lack of visits here, even by more junior members of the Royal Family. There is a feeling among Israeli officials that the reason is somehow connected with the alledged pro-Arab bias of the

Foreign Office.

During his five-day trip, which begins next Wednesday, President Herzog, an articulate former chief of Military Intelligence and ex-Labour party politician, will be campaigning

hard in public and private for an improvement in the current state of Anglo-Israeli relations. "There is a certain virginal shyness about Britain's attitude to Israel", he told me. "We have found that other countries have been less concerned about Arab reaction and we feel there is, more that could be done. It must be remembered that our two countries are important trading partners with reciprocal exports now totalling \$1,000m

Mr Herzog, an affable ex-British Army major who was formerly ambassador at the United Nations, added forcefully: "The British association is very well respected in Israel, where we still have your judicial system, your cabinet system and even streets named after men like Lord Balfour. We feel it should have more expression politically, which means less hesitation from Britain about supporting Israel in international forums. Speaking at Bet Hanassi, the

austere presidential residence, the President outlined the main arguments which he will put forward during his London

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# **Pickets** close 80% of pits

By David Felton

More than 80 per cent of Britain's pits were at a standstill last night as striking miners from Yorkshire and south Wales continued their apparently inexorable progress towards closing collieries in areas which have voted to carry

on working.

There were growing signs that within the next few days the flying pickets could bring production to a halt at all but a handful of pits, after meetings by moderate coalfield leaders yesterday which decided to urge members not to cross picket

lines.
About 35 pits in Nottingham-shire, Staffordsbire and Warwickshire, which employ more than 40,000 miners, were the focus of attention as the pickets' stranglehold on the Midlands areas increased. There were indications that miners in Lancashire, where there had

also been a vote not to strike, were succumbing to picketing.

The 29,000 miners in Nottinghamshire are to be "strongly urged" by their area leaders today not to cross picket lines. The Midlands area council of the National Union of Mineworkers yesterday took a similar decision by advising their 13.000 members to observe picket lines,

Those developments will be seen by left-wing union leaders as a vindication of their resistance to calling a national ballot on strike action against pit closures. Mr Arthur Scargill. the union's president, and his closest colleagues are prepared to delay the calling of a special meeting of the union executive, in the expectation that their "domino" strategy would be

successful.

In spite of calls from moderate coalfields for a ballot, the national picture last night indicated that the union leadership's hopes of a progressive rundown of coal production, with other areas joining the stoppage, albeit reluctabily, were likely to be fulfilled.

Only 34 out of 175 pits were working normally and large numbers of Yerkshire pickets were understood to be standing by ready to move into Nottinghamshire today, despite the big police presence at the 25 pits in

Union strategists planning the picketing campaign have identified the pits in last week's Nottinghamshire ballot which showed the strongest support for strike action and these will be targeted as the main areas for mass picketing.

The Midlands area council called on its members at 1 i pits in Staffordshire and Warwickshire not to cross picket lines today and at the same time requested the removal of large numbers of police from colliery gates. Officials argued that the only violence on picket lines

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# Hepatitis forces Willis home

Immediately after returning

rom the desert kingdom o

Jordan, the Queen will receive an official invitation to visit

Israel for the first time when she meets Mr Chaim Herzog, the Belfast-born Israeli Presi-dent in London early next month. The visit will include

la an interview with The

Times, Mr. Herrog. Israel's popular chith President start solly the black Israel's state to be received by a British

it is high time for normalization

The Queen has already come

under strong pressure from leaders of Britain's Jewish

community to match her controversial trip to Jordan

(still a country officially in a

state of war with Israel) with a

similar one to the Jewish state.

Diplomatic observers believe

that the timing of Mr Herzog's

invitation will make it politi-

cally embarrassing to turn

The royal visit to Jordan.

under the strictest security,

begins next Monday. It has

in this regard", he said.

talks with Mrs Thatcher.

Bob Willis, the England cricket captain, is to fly back from Pakistan today suffering from a mild form of hepatitis. Willis has been ill for a fortnight

and was advised yesterday to come home. He is the third England

player to return early from the ill-fated tour - Ian Botham and Graham Dilley are already back in England - and his departure leaves the team with only 12 players. Norman Gifford, the assistant tour manager and a contracted player with Warwickshire, has been added to the playing strength.

A former England captain, Ray Illingworth, has been dismissed as Yorkshire's cricket manager by the new committee. He had a year of his contract to Reports, page 24

### **US** official denies losing secret list By Stewart Tendler

A United States naval official

yesterday confirmed to *The* Times that he flew out of Heathrow airport, London, hours before a list of British and American officials involved in a highly classified project was

Mr Joseph Thomason's name was on the list but he denies losing the document. He is among 23 scientists, servicement and officials whose addresses and telephone numbers were found on a three-page document headed "Cold Witness".

The document was spotted tucked behind a telephone in terminal three on March 3. Cold Witness is so sensitive

that the Pentagon will not discuss it at all and the Ministry of Defence has admitted that information about the project, which involves radar, is classified. The discovery of the document is believed to have revealed publicly for the first time the existence of the work. Yesterday Mr Thomason, who works in the radar technique section of the Naval

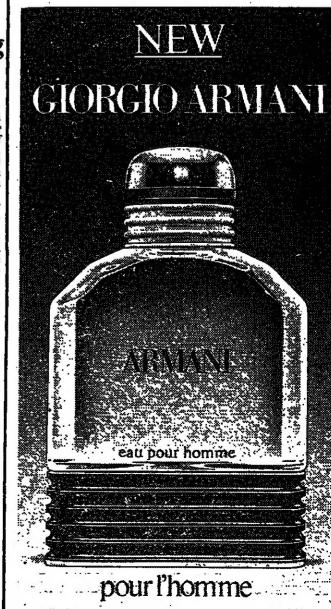
Research Laboratory in Washington, told The Times he flew out of London on March 3 after an official visit to the Ministry of Defence and the found that evening.

Mr Thomason said he was not surprised his name was on

the list but he denied having lost it. He added that he had not used a telephone at the ter-The Ministry of Defence

which admits its embarrassment, has begun an internal inquiry Mr Michael Heseltine, the

Secretary of State for Defence, is to be questioned in the Commons on Friday about the



# Ouarter of Europe's US troops on drugs

More than one United States serviceman a day stationed in Britain is being dismissed and sent home for using illegal drugs, including LSD, cocaine and cannabis. Some have been

on nuclear weapon duties. The discharge rate reflects apparently regular drog-taking by up to a quarter of United States troops serving in Europe, according to official Defence Department figures.

About 30,000 Americans are based on 100 military sites in Britain and have under their control cruise missiles, bombers and submarines with a nuclear capability and other sophisticated defence equip-

Last year 455 drugs charges were preferred against United States servicemen in Britain. Most cases - 409 - were dealt with internally and did not reach British courts. The "vast majority" were discharged from the forces. Yesterday a senior USAF

official confirmed that the dismissal rate for drug offences in the first quarter of this year was running at a similar rate. In 1980 - the latest year for which full worldwide figures are available - out of 5,324 United States servicemen removed from nuclear weapons work, the biggest proportion, 1,726, went because of "drug

"totally insignificant" number of servicemen on nuclear duties in Britain had been discharged for drug taking, the USAF official added.

Recently 14 servicemen at Greenham Common, where cruise missiles first arrived in Britain, have been discharged for drug offences. All were in "non-sensitive" positions.

A worldwide survey of the In Britain the amount of use by military personnel of illegal drugs and alcohol, published last year, disclosed that in Europe 31.4 per cent of drug-taking is below the European average

that 15 per cent of USAF personnel used drugs during United States servicemen admitted to using drugs during the preceding year and, more significantly, 26.7 per cent within the preceding 30 days.

Young low-ranking servicemen were the main offenders, with more than 40 per cent Dr James Thompson.

with more than 40 per cent admitting to using drugs during Cannabis is by far the most happening by mistake. commonly used drug but the survey disclosed that nearly one in twelve of the young enlisted men had used both

Multiple drug use was not uncommon and one in ten of the same group admitted having been "high" at work during the

Even so, the survey shows

the previous year and a similar number of young airmen had used drugs within the past

senior psychology lecturer at the Middelsex Hospital, believes the drug-taking increases the risk of a serious incident He said a recent United Nations study suggested there was a one in a hundred chance

of an accidental nuclear war

happening within the next five rears.
"Whatever the rate is, under crisis conditions such as a real alert, it must be 10 times more likely," he said.

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# Hackney council fails to get £79m spending limit declared illegal

By Hugh Clayton, Local Government Corresponden

Hackney borough council in London failed yesterday to win a court judgment against the spending limit fixed for it by the Government Mr Justice Forbes said in the High Court that Mr Patrick Jenkin, Secretary of State for the Environment, had not acted unreasonably.

The judge said that the court could deal only with the question of whether the Government's decision was legal. It could not be concerned with arguments about the correctness of Mr Jenkin's decision to fix a spending target worth only about four-fifths of what the Labour-controlled council was convinced it needed

The judgment struck at the heart of opposition by many councils to Government squeezes on spending through grant cuts and rate-capping. Hackney council covers an area officially recognized as being the poorest in Britain and all but 10 of its 60 councillors are

Hackney is to raise its domestic rates by 17 per cent in the coming year and it is likely to be one of the first councils to

Its councillors want to spend rising. Last year the total, about £100m in the coming year while ministers have given by almost 10,000 to 1.890,000. them a spending target of £79m based on previous performance.

That is what ministers think they ought to spend, but declining population means that the government assessment of what they need to spend to provide adequate services will fall from just over £59m this year to just under £59m in 1984/85.

Mr Anthony Kendall, leader of the council, said yesterday that the judgment was sad. The council has not yet decided whether to appeal. Had it won, several other Labour-led councils in inner London which are due to be rate capped next year would have brought similar actions against Mr Jenkins.

The judged accepted that Hackney councillors believed that they could not bring their spending down to government targets without breaching their duties in law to provide

Mr Jenkin said yesterday that he was disappointed by an official survey which showed that the total labour force of local authorities in England was

GLC challenged Conservative-controlled

Bromley council asked a High Court judge yesterday to outlaw the Greater London Council's membership of the Labour-orientated Association of London Authorities.

Bromley claims that the use Bromley claims that the use of £33,150 of ratepayers' money paid by the GLC to join the association in November, 1983, was unlawful. They want Mr Justice Forbes to declare that subscriptions already paid and all future subscriptions are

Liverpool support

Labour MPs will be asked today to support Liverpool's rebel councillors in defiance of the line taken by Mr Neil Kinnock, the Labour leader (our Political Correspondent writes). Mr Terry Fields, the Militant Tendency supporter who is MP for Liverpool, Broadgreen, yesterday invited MPs who are sponsored by



High flier: Mr John Davy and the Firecracker. (Photograph: Tony Weaver).

# Ex-RAF officer bids for trainer contract

By Rodney Cowton, Defence Correspondent

A former squadron leader who retired from the Royal Air Force two years ago with £30,000 capital is leading a bid for a £200m contract to ensure that future RAF pilots are taught to fly on a British-designed aircraft.

Mr John Davy, aged 39, spent 20 years in the RAF, much of it involved with the training of fixed-wing and

helicopter pilots.

The RAF has traditionally trained many foreign pilots and Mr Davy realized that the demand for training was greater than the RAF could

When he left the service he set up his own company, Specialist Flying Training, pased in Carlisle.

In two years he has devel-

multimillion-pound business, largely by using advanced payments on training contracts to buy assets such as contracts to buy assets such as light aircraft and helicopters.

Mr Davy and his associated companies have spent more than £3m in developing the Firecracker aircraft, designed by Mr Desmond Norman in the Isle of Wight, to make it a specific to replace the RAF's

candidate to replace the RAF's present basic trainer, the Jet Provost, which first entered service in the 1950s. The Firecracker is the only

British-designed aircraft on a shortlist of four which the RAF considering.

It is possible, although unlikely, that the RAF may decide to renovate the Jet them. If it does decide to

replace, it will need 155 new aircraft in a contract likely ultimately to be worth more than £200m. Mr Davy believes that if Firecracker were to win the contract, it could pave the way for up to 500 exports.

There are two Firecrackers flying now and a third, with a more powerful engine, will be completed during the summer.

Mr Davy says that is meets almost all the RAF's performance requirements, although a further outlay of between £2m and £3m will be required to make final modifications and to gear up for production.

What is claimed to be the first Spitfire flight simulator for a home computer was launched yesterday at the RAF Museum in Hendon, north-west London, and was test flown and put through its paces by Air Vice-Marshal Sandy Johnstone, who first flew the real thing 45 years ago.

The Aviator computer prog-ram has been designed for use on the BBC microcomputer and displays an instrument panel showing reading of the Spit-fire's height, speed (air and vertical) and compass bearings.

Cocky reprieved Cocky the cockerel, whose

owner from Tuckenhay, Devon, lost an appeal against a noise abatement on its crowing, is to have a new home, with eight hens, a few miles away.

# Some papers 'insulting rubbish' says Kinnock

Political reporter

Mr Neil Kinnock yesterday told an audience of sixth-form students that substantial parts of the British press were "insulting rubbish" and attacked proprietors, including Mr Rupert Murdoch, whom, he said, used their newspapers to defend their commercial interests and political values.

The Labour leader, who was addressing a conference of the Politics Association at Central Hall, Westminster, spoke against nationalization of the media, which he said would be

folly.

But he said he understood the immense frustration of people who saw a media that was blatantly distorted, a media which made an impression on people's minds in all parts of the country but which was under the control of four or five

people.

He added that those proprietors, generally speaking share the same prejudices and are prepared to use their conglomerate control and ownership of the means of information and reporting to defend their commercial interests and their political values".

He added: "I speak of Mr Rupert Murdoch and others more or less like him who control most of the British

Public ownership of the media would present the danger that the Government which introduced the system would, under pressure, use it for the pupose of controlling opinion.

I prefer the much arduous but ultimately much more sure course of political organization and producing an educational system that develops a discerning citizenship capable of treating substantial parts of the British press for the insulting rubbish that it actually is".

# **Drilling could stop** nuclear waste 'war'

radioactive waste, which could same way. Mr Copson says. He end the war of attrition between regards the drilling installation the nuclear industry and many as a general purpose waste environmetal groups, is being disposal process, assessed by safety advisers to Nevertheless the Department of the Environ-The method is the subject of

a patent application by Mr dispose of. Alexander Copson. But the idea It is the is based on work which he has the Government's new nuclear done for the offshore oil waste disposal organization. Industry as a designer with Cluff Nirex, has sought suitable sites The new venture for develop-

ing the disposal process is called Ensec. Its chairman is Lord Newall. A drilling rig would bore dry company. holes down to 10.000ft Torpedo-shaped canisters of waste

within 500ft of the sea bed. The hole would then be filled with The rig, of the multi-legged jack-up type, can be moved to consulted environmental groups and the

would be lowered by hawser until the shaft was filled to

Other toxic wastes that cost of installation at about cannot be handled safely on £100m.

one side and the operation

A new way to dispose of land could be discarded in the Nevertheless it is intended specifically for intermediate level wastes which are causing the industry so much trouble to It is the material for which for development at Billingham and at Elstow, near Bedford. A proposal by Nirex to use old ICI mine-workings at Billingham has been rejected by the Canisters 💨 concrete vaults of silos at power stations and at Scilafield, Cumbria. There is about 35.000 Casing cubic metres, expected to reach 70,000 cubic metres by the year

# Board takes gas-cooled reactor option

nuclear industry about his

designs, estimates the capital

The Central Electricity Gen-British-designed present proposal for a pressu-rized water reactor (PWR) is PWR".

rejected.
The announcement was American PWR option, has government safety watchdog been in session for 15 months.

Local objectors received the

crating Board announced yes-nuclear power stations. Mr John terday that it would start design Baker, head of the PWR project, work next month for an said that the decision to start advanced gas-cooled reactor work on a gas-cooled reactor (AGR) as Sizewell in case its "did not indicate any lack of

make design improvements to made at the inquiry at The its AGR-type to meet increas-Snape Maltings is Suffolk, ingly-stringent standards inwhere the hearing into the sisted on by the Nuclear board's plan to establish the Installations Inspectorate, the

To date the board has built news as a sign that the board

The Board said it needed to

An AGR of similar capacity

Mr Graham Searle, for the Stop Sizewell B Association, said: "The fact is that we don't need an AGR here any more than we need a PWR. But the board's willingness to contemplate an AGR shows how badly they think they are doing with their present PWR application. The board's donfidence is already shaken and not before time."

to the proposed PWR would cost £300m more than the planned American-style reactor. The Inquiry continues today.

Painting by

£71,500

By Geraldine Norman

Sale Room Correspondent

A fine impressionistic paint-

Paris to Denmark in the last

produced intense interest at Sotheby's yesterday. A private collector, thought to be Ameri-

can, finally bought it at £71,500 (estimate £15,000 to £20,000).

The vendor had bought the painting in an auction in Denmark, less than six months

This is a reversal of the usual

market pattern for nineteenth-

century paintings with by far

the highest prices paid in the

country of origin. It may signal the beginning of an "inter-nationalist" approach.

The painting, "A vintage in the South Tyrol", kneeling

peasants picking grapes while sunlight dapples through the

Sotheby's morning sale of

nineteenth-century European paintings totalled £603.790.

with 22 per cent unsold. While

there were some surprise high

prices for fine paintings, the

middle-range works proved

difficult to sell.

ago, for about £4,000.

Peder Kroyer, who Impressionism from

# Intoximeter reports 'not fair'

in London yesterday of unfair reporting in its campaign over the reliability of the breath-test machine the Lion Intoximeter

Mr Anthony Hoolahan, QC. for the manufacturer Lion Laboratories, of Barry, South Glamorgan, claimed that the newspaper had been "whipping to dispute" by using pleases and "breath-test scandal" Mr Hoolahan told the judges that there were no valid grounds for allowing an appeal by the Express and its editor, Sir Larry Lamb, against a High Court ban plied by two former Lion

employees.
The Express has asked that the ban, imposed by Mr Justice Leonard at Cardiff on March 8, should be lifted on the ground that it was in the public interest

Government action The Government is "considering urgently" what steps are needed to restore public confidence in the intoximeter, a Minister of State at the Home Office, Mr Douglas Hurd, said

# £1.1m still needed for Duccio

By David Hewson

The future of a £1.8m fourteenth century painting of the Crucifixion, attributed to Duccio, hangs on a meeting of the National Heritage Memorial Fnd later today.

Manchester city council's cultural services yesterday decided to vote almost £100,000 - the council's acquisitions budget for two years - towards saving the painting for the city's art

The galleries director, Mr Timothy Clifford, said yesterday he hoped that the fund would vote £1m towards buying re telt it v in danger from competition from other areas.

The painting has been bought by the Getty Museum in Malibu for £1.8m, but its export licence has been suspended, to give British organizations the chance to raise the

In addition to the Manchester council money, the galleries have been offered £500,000 from the National Art Collections Fund and around £30,000 from patrons.

# Excommunication and the churches Revival of medieval penalty

By Clifford Longley, Religious Affairs Correspondent

excommunication, imprisonment with confiscation Public excommunication, once one of the most dreaded penalties in the medieval penal system, was generally believed to have vanished for ever from the Church of England and the Roman Catholic Church until its revival last Sunday by the Bishop of Winchester, Dr John Taylor, in the case of two church members in the village of Poulner, Hampshire.

The last excommunication in the Roman Catholic Church appears to have involved a person in one of the southern states of the United States in the 1960s who had publicly opposed the racial integration of church schools. A leading canon Theodore Davey, said he knew of no other case since then.

Both the Anglican and the Catholic churches derive their present rules on excommunication from medieval canon Excommunication imposed by a church court or by a bshop in the past could have led to the death penalty or life

of property. From that common origin the two churches have moved

in opposite directions, although with similar effects on the concept of excommunication. In the Church of England it has become so rare that some ecclesiastical lawyers were surprised to find it was still allowed law; while in the Roman Catholic Church it became devalued by being attached

automatically to a very large number of almost trivial offenc-Because it was automatic no formal judgment was necessary by the church, and the situation

Roman Catholic law restricts excommunication of excommunication was reto very few offences, with the moved from English law. additional condition that the sin any mitigating circumstances.

in question is not reduced by Thus abortion is still an

case of a woman who therefore did so out of pure malice. In the past such offences as a Catholic marrying in a non-Catholic church carried automatic excommunication. That offence on longer exists,

and Catholics are permitted to marry in non-Catholic churches, often with a Catholic priest assisting at the ceremony.

A common misunderstand-

ing of excomminication in the Roman Catholic Church is that it applies to Catholics who have remarried in a ragister office after divorce. That does not, nor ever did, incur excommuni-

In the Church of England it was not until the passage of the **Ecclesiastical** Measure in 1963 that imprison-Church's 1983 code of canon ment as a possible consequence

The only remaining penalties of excommunication are the denial of any of the privileges for which communicant status excommunicable offence, but is required, such a membership only in the rather hypothetical of a church body.

The coalfields dispute

# Jenkin move on police costs

Mr Patrick Jenkin, Secretary of State for the Environment, has moved to defuse a simmering dispute with local authorities over the cost of policing the miners' dispute, which is running at an estimated £1m a

day.

The councils, led by Labourcontrolled Nottingham, have complained that their ratepayers will have to foot a large part of the bill through no fault the imposition of higher finan-cial penalties for further exceeding the Government's spending

Mr Jenkins said yesterday

predicament. He also announced that he would be meeting a delegation from Nottingham County Council

Mr Dennis Pettitt. Labour leader of the council, said that it was unfair that local ratepayers should be expected to foot at half of the £350,000 a day bill. The council is losing about £4,400,000 in government grants for failing to meet spending targets for this finan-

Derbyshire County Council, to further financial penalties, where the cost is about which total £8,300,000 this year.

that he sympathized with their £200,000 a day, has also to the Home Office. We are already being penalized by the Government for oversponding and we just cannot afford to pay any more,"

Mr Joe Heathcote, deputy leader of the Labour-controlled council. said. The council described the scale of the police operation as "intimidating and totally un-necessary," and sought government assurances that it would not be called upon to bear any the cost and that any additional costs would not lead

Midlands order not to cross picket lines

Miners leaders in the Mid-lands advised 13,000 members at 11 pits in Staffordshire and Warwickshire not to cross picket lines after heavy picketing by south Wales miners especially at Lea Hall colliery. in Rugeley, Staffordshire, where nine men were arrested in scuffles yesterday.

Midlands area miners voted three to one against strike action and the Midlands area council of the National Union of Minerworkers has called for a

national ballot. However, Mr Jim Colgan, the area's general secretary, said yesterday: "It was best that miners did not cross picket lines. We also request the police to remove the vast numbers they have got at certain collieries, and let us handle the situation. At the moment, the only places where there is violence is where there is a big police commitment."

North Derbyshire union officials at a besieged pit in Derbyshire, whose members

belong to the "no strike" Nottinghamshire NUM, were holding an emergency meeting last night after a few men had to run the gauntlet of 400 local pickets to get to work.

Correction

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Miss Patricia Eaton (not Easton, as reported on March 17) has been paid £200. not £2,000, of the £12,000 damages and £20,000 costs she was awarded in a libel action against Mr Terry Horsley, who has since been made bankrupt.

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Orientalist paintings were again in great demand. "The Harem Juggler" went to the Mathaf Gallery at £29,000 testimate £6,000 to £8,000), and "Three Arabs in a Courtyard", by Alberto Pasini, sold for £23,100 (estimate £12,000 to £18,000) to a New York dealer.

Rebel resigns

Mr John Pinniger, former political adviser to the Monday Club who has been suspended because of his involvement in a group alleged to be trying to take over the club, last night



Union choice: Brenda Dean. (Photograph: John Man-

# **Woman to head Sogat**

By Barrie Clement, Labour Reporter Ms Brenda Dean has been elected as the next general secretary of Sogat '82, Britain's biggest print union. She will earn more than £20,000 a year. Miss Dean, aged 40, who is now president of the union, will

be the first woman to lead an

important industrial craft

She beat six men for the top job, just six mouths after she won the presidency, the second most important post, ahead of 12 male contestants. She beat Mr Daniel Sergeant, national officer, her

nearest rival for the general secretary post by 25,454 to The incumbent, Mr William Keys, aged 61, who is chairman the TUC's employment comittee and considered to be somewhat to e left of Miss Dean politically, has not yet decided when he will stand down. He says there is no question of his leaving in the immediate future". He is entitled to stay until he is 65. • The Press Association yesterday was consideri legal action to stop the disruption of its news services by National Graphical Association members who are refusing to cross NGA picket lines at Reuters agency in the same building. The dispute with Reuters, which started over the dismissal of two NGA members, is to be discussed today by Mr Tony Dubbins, the union's

general secretary, and top

### Jenkin calls for new policy on housing land New government policy was

needed on housing land because planning was favouring conservation over building, Mr Patrick Jenkin, Secretary of State for the Environment, said

yesterday. He told the Commons select committee on the environmen that council planners should respond to demands for housing. One-dimensional planning

was "possitively harmful".

Only a limited amount of demand for housing could be met on reclaimed inner-city

the aged and chronic sick. recently widowed women with children. with grants for teaching and training young people. do this and Professional Classes Aid Council, 10 St. Christopher's Place, London, W.I.

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Motor bike

rider aged

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woman

A motorcyclist who lost control of his 40cc machine and crashed into a woman in a park

at West Didsbury, Manchester,

leaving her seriously injured was not prosecuted by the police because he was two-

Instead, the city council in

Manchester prosecuted Jamie Wilson's father, Robert Wilson,

of Westville Gardens, Burnage, Manchester, for breaking a local

by-law. He pleaded guilty by

letter yesterday to contravening

the parks and pleasure ground regulations by allowing his son

to ride the machine, a miniature version of a scrabler. He was

Mr Peter Main, for the prosecution said that in Decem-

ber last year in Fog Lanc Park, West Didsbury, Mr Doreen Hallows, aged 57, of Alan Road,

Withington, tried to step out of

the way as the boy approached her but failed. She suffered a

fractured left wrist and other

treatment for eight weeks.

njuries and needed hospital

Mr Wilson paid £150 for the machine, which has a top speed of 10mph. Mrs Hallows, who

walking sticks since the acci-

lesson to other people. It might prevent others from getting

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# Police ordered to grade pornography before cases are sent to court

complained in the High Court yesterday that they were being required to make value judgments on what constitutes pornographic material, which they though was a job for the courts, at a time when the volume of pornography was

increasing.

Lord Justice Watkins and Mr Justice Glidewell dismissed an application by Sir Kenneth Newman, the Metropolitan Commissioner, for a declaration that a ruling by Judge Stable at Snaresbrook Crown Court, east London, requiring the police to grade alleged pornographic material to help magistrates and judges decide whether it should be confiscated under the Obscene Publications

Act. 1959, was unlawful, The judge had made his ruling, given in the form of a practice direction last December, in an attempt to help courts in the east London area deal more swiftly and efficiently with allegedly obscene books,

Support for

divorce

conduct bill

By Our Legal Affairs

Correspondent

Sir John Arnold, president of

the Family Division of the High

Courl is expected to lend strong support to the Government's

proposals to reform the divorce

laws when giving evidence before a committee of MPs

In written evidence on the Matrimonial Proceedings and Property Bill. Sir John rejects claims that the Bill would lead

to more disputes over the

conduct of parties in divorce

He supports the Govern-

ment's view that the Bill's conduct provisions, among the

most contentious, do no more than restate the law in statutory

The controversial "conduct"

clause allows the courts, when making financial settlements to

take into account the parties'

conduct if in the court's opinion

Russian woman

oners Court yesterday.

Mrs Klimova, of 22 Hyde
Park Square, was identified by
her husband, Mr Alexander

Klimov, a Russian translator at the London headquarters of the International Maritime Organi-

disregard it".

Inquest on

would be "inequitable to

Rejecting the police argument in the Queen's Bench Division Court. Lord Justice Watkins said the direction, which re-quires officers to sift through the material and produce samples of the least obscene, more obscene and most ob-scene was perfectly lawful. Lord Justice Watkins said

that the case was of great importance for courts all over the country, "They are facing a very, very considerable problem which may prove to be intractable", he said.

in 1981, the amount of material seized in the Metropolitan Police area under the provisions of the Observe Publications Act had amounted to 554,862 items. Last year that figure had risen to 2,071,190 and magistrates had had to

landlord.
He hired a gang of 20 skinhead thugs who threw them

out into the street with their

possessions. Judge Gibbens QC

said the seven tenants were right to defend themselves. When all lawful means failed,

the tenants armed themselves in

preparation to repel further

attacks from the gang, who had

been paid to evict them from a house unfit for human habi-

tation, the judge added.
With 10 other tenants, they

had been living in a "helihole" house in Fairlop Road, Ley-

tonstone, east London where

rooms were rented at £56 a

to tackle it.

The defence would be able to challenge the police choice of samples and provide courts with alternative selections.

Lord Justice Watkins suggested, without making a binding decision, that a possible better way of categorizing the material than that chosen at Snaresbrook was to divide it into categories of pornographic

The case which gave rise to the practice direction being issued involved the seizure by the police in April, 1981, of alleged obscene material from two firms. Conegate and Rolldale, from premises in east London.

Both companies are appealing to Snaresbrook Crown and mogistrates had had to Court against seizure orders spend weeks reading through it, involving 434 different magiacating into costly judicial time.

Court against seizure orders involving 434 different magiazines (131,000 copies in all), 50 Judge Stable had been en-different films and video castilled to take into account the settes (206 copies) and 32 scale of the problem and had different books (2.259 copies).

The tenants' "only object" in manufacturing the bombs was

so that they could hurl them out

of the windows to raise the

alarm and scare off attackers. Preparations for self-defence

and the making of the bombs

was not "unreasonable" and the :

tenants felt they had to win and defeat the skinheads. Judge



Horsepower: Aldaniti, the 1981 Grand National winner, reunited again with Bob Champion at Euston Station, London, yesterday for the naming of an electric locomotive (Photograph: John Manning).

Mr. Shama, owner of several

properties in the East End of

tenants occupied. The DHSS,

wicked old landlord was giving an undertaking to a judge at

Bow County court that his tenants would not be harassed,

He directed a jury to clear the tenants, Mr Anthony White-house, aged 20, Mr Tony

On the day of the attack, "the

which paid their rents.

Judge Gibbens said.

# Micro manufacture held up at IBM

London estimated to have made £20,000 a year from a slum house which the acquirtee computer manufacturer, has become a casualty of the world microchip shortage and is unable to produce enough of its personal microcomputers in Britain to meet demand.

The American-owned com-pany has restricted its 200 British dealers to 25 machines a month and delivery four weeks after orders are received. Similar constraints are being im-posed on the other 800 Euro-

The IBM PC microcomputer has been popular with business users since its introduction in the United States about three

the multinational years ago. It was introduced in manufacturer, has Britain at the beginning of last

It is made for the European

market at IBM's factory in Greenock, Renfrewshire, but the manufacture relies on microchips supplied by the United States microelectronics group, intel. The world shortage of mic-

reelectronics components - due to the high technology boom -has affected many manufacturers recently. As a result large companies have bought shares in semiconductor groups and created their own manufactur-

# Ford may be reported for pricing policy

Sir Gordon Borrie, the Director General of Fair Trading, threatened yesterday to refer the Ford Motor Company to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission for anti-competilive practice and overcharging for replacement body parts.

The Office of Fair Trading reported yesterday that the total market for Ford replacement body parts is worth £35m to £45m, of which less than £6m is filled by independent suppliers.

Parts from Ford are commonly three to four times as expensive as those from independent suppliers. A door-skin which costs £7.97 from an independent supplier is £21.95 from Ford, and a valance for a Ford van costs £5.93 from an independent supplier but £24.06

Ford has also refused to supply part panels to repair corrosion damage, so that a replacement wheel arch for a Ford Fiesta was quoted at £3.73 from an independent supplier, whereas Ford would supply only a full quarter panel for £46.84.

attended court, has needed Ford has issued writs recently against 13 independent companies supplying body parts, alleging infringement of copydent.
She said: "The court has maximum fined Mr Wilson the maximum and I hope this serves as a

Ford now has four weeks in which it may offer to modify its

# Blood-test devices 'faulty'

equipment used by doctors and them considered safe. Some nurses in Britain to measure blood pressure is unreliable, results of trading standards officers tests in South York-

shire suggest. The South Yorkshire consumer protection department tested blood pressure measuring equipment used in the county's surgeries and clinics. More than

9 per cent of all the instruments

tested were in error by a wider faulty.

erred by more than four times that amount. Aneroid instruments of the

type in general use were notably

more likely to be wrong.
In West Germany, where by law most medical equipment every two years, 2 or 3 per cent of the instruments are commonly found to have become

# As the tenants, all unemployed celebrated, the police launched a hunt for their landlord, Mr Ran Shama, aged 70, an Indian who is wanted for an alleged fraud on the Department of Health and Social Security. He is believed to have Gibbens freed the Security. He is believed to have rehoused. Top salary rises lag behind the average

Seven "magnificent" tenants, tenants when he stopped their told at the Central Criminal trial on the third day. Five men

Court yesterday of their terror and two women were found not

at the hands of a brutal guilty of unlawfully possessing landlord.

guilty of unlawfully possessing explosives, a crate Molotov

cocktails.

Gibbens added.

By Michael Prest

Senior executives' salaries rose more slowly in the second half of last year than did average carnings for the whole labour force, according to a survey of directors' and managers' rises conducted by Inbucon Manage

ment Consultants.

An inquest into the death of a Russian woman, Mrs Ludmila Voadimirovna Klimova, aged 29, who fell from the third floor of her home in Paddington, London, on Tuesday, was opened and adjourned until April 25 at Westminster Cor-

per cent. The corresponding rises averaging 6.2 per cent.

figure for increases in pay before tax won by all employees

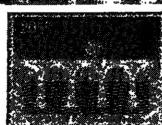
The survey elicited replies from 133 companies employing more than 250,000 people in 21 

Inducon's monitor of salary directors enjoyed an average 7.3 increases shows that from July per cent increase in their 1, 1983, to the end of December salaries over the six months, the average increase awarded to while senior executives and directors and managers was 6.7 managers were awarded pay

SENIOR EXECUTIVES' SALARIES										
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nbucon average increase per centi	19	12	11 7	9.5	6.7					
verage earnings increase whole economy)	18	. 11	6.8	8.2	8					
nflation increase Retail Price Index	16.6	13	8.7	3.7	1.9					

Message of unity: By what might be viewed as an unfortunate accident of timing, the Post Office yesterday unveiled four stamps celebrating European unity, to be issued on May 15 (Alan Hamilton writes).

One of the two basic designs, a simple bridge with perhaps significantly unsupported ends demostrating European postalunity, is the work of the French designer. Lacky Larriviere designer Jacky Larriviere (right). It was the winner of a competition among the 26 postal authorities of the Conference of European Posts and Telecommunications to mark its 25th anniversary. The design will appear on the stamps of all member coun-



representation of the abduction of Europa by the god Zeus in the guise of a bull, marks the forthcoming second direct elections to the European Parlia-ment in June. It is the work of Fritz Wegner (left), a Viennese-born illustrator teaching art in

The Department of Health and Social Security admitted esterday that it gave pregnant women's names and addresses to murder squad detectives investigating the death of a

Mr Kenneth Weetch Labour

tested that the disclosure smacked of 1984 and Big Brother". He said it was a clear breach of confidentiality rules and said he would raise the matter with the Home Secretary A welfare officer, Mr Neville Bunting, said that officials were right to cooperate with the police in such a serious case.

Mrs Lorna Byrne had been visited by two policemen at her home in Ipswich.

Mrs Byrne, who is eight months pregnant, said: "I was so upset afterwards that I just burst into tears and had to go to a neighbour's house. I dred to

# **DHSS** gave names to detectives

newly born baby found badly burned in a field.

MP for Ipswich, Suffolk, pro-

think what effect such an experience might have had on a young wife expecting her first

### Job bonus appeal on Sunday trading By a Staff Reporter

government committee of inquiry that it could employ an additional 1.380 staff if Sunday trading was made legal in England and Wales.

& O has 18 stores in Scotland, where there are no restrictions on Sunday opening. It says that its staff costs as a proportion of turnover in Scotland are one-tenth below the average for England and

It says that that shows that seven-day trading can produce retailing economies which lead to lower prices. If additional staff were recruited for Sunday opening the cost would be met by increased efficiency within a ask members to resist any higher turnover, the group's government measure to lift

spokesmen claimed. said in evidence that there was

One of Britain's largest retailer of do-it-yourself supplies, the B & O group, has told shops, where families needed to shop together to decide what to

Sir Terence told the committee that some of Habitat's stores in England did as much of their business on a Sunday as did some of their Scottish stores. Habitat would develop Sunday trading if permitted to do so, and would experiment with late-night opening.

● The removal of statutory prohibitions on Sunday trading is likely to be strongly opposed by the churches, (Our Religious Affairs, Correspondent writes). The British Council of

Churches and the Free Church Federal Council are expected to Sunday opening restrictions.

Sir Terence Conran chair-man of Habitat Mothercare, committee, just published, there are indications that it

suggests several reasons, re-ligious and social, why there should be no basic change. The Government has set up a

committee of inquiry to collect evidence of the state of public opinion and the case for relaxing restrictions. The report is to be considered

by the Free Church Federal Council and British Council of Churches this month and passed to member churches to adopt as their evidence to the committee of inquiry. The joint committee did not discover any serious dissent in churches to its

The development committee of the Western Isles Council yesterday refused to allow a contractor to carry out Sunday work during the construction of the fishmeal factory at Ardvecnish in Barra.

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# PM promises to continue fight for fair deal in Europe

### **EEC SUMMIT**

There would not be a stable or effective European Community until the budgetary contributions of the 10 member states were related to economic circumstances and ability to pay. Mrs Margaret Thatcher, the Prime Minister, declared in replying to questions in the Commons on her statement about the failure to the EEC heads of state and government to reached agreement at the European summit. Mr Francis Pym, the former Foreign Secretary, said it would be wise to resist the temptation to withhold contributions and Dr David Owen, also a former Foreign Secretary, indicated there were some who would resist any some who would resist a legeration to withhold payments.

Mrs Thatcher said: As the House will already know, the Council did not reach agrement on the reform of Community's finances nor on any of the matters before it. I made clear at the meeting in Stuttgart last year that the United

Kingdom would be prepared to consider an increase in the consider an increase in the Community's financial resources but only on condition that there was effective control of agricultural and other spending and that there was a fair sharing of the budget burden. We made progress towards securing control of spending by, first, an annual limit on overall

expenditure and, second, a strict financial guideline on agricultural The French Presidency also proposed a lasting system for a fair sharing of the budget burden. We would have been able to accept this system but some other member states, despite the long discussions over the last nine months, were still

unable to do so. Nor were we able to reach agreement on the level of the United Kingdom net contribution which would result from the application of

The Council also had a long discussion on the agricultural problems which had been remitted from the Agriculture Council.

the super-levy on a quantity of milk their 1983 production.

Their demands and those of other member states would have led to milk production well over one million tonnes in excess of the production level set carlier by Agriculture Ministers for the

ommunity as a whole.
Further discussion of the agricultural package will take place in the Agriculture Council next week. We made a sustained attempt to

reach a satisfactory compromise on all the matters at issue. At the end of the discussions the proposition which the United Kingdom was invited to accept was:

First, that instead of a lasting.

equilable system for Community inancing there should be a five-year ad hoe arrangement which would have left us receiving less than the average refund which we received in

Second that we should endorse the unsatisfactory and discriminat-ory arrangement for milk which I ive already described. Third, that we should accept an

increase in the Community's VAT resources to 1.4 per cent in 1986 and have in prospect a possible further increase two years later to 1.6 per

I made it plain that neither I nor such a package. Therefore, I did not agree to any increase in the Community's resources. The 1 per cent VAT ceiling remains.

Immediately following the European Council, the Council for

Ministers (Foreign Affairs) met in order 10 see whether the objections of some member states to the regulations necessary to implement the United Kingdom's 1983 refund of 750 million ecu net which was agreed last year could be removed.

But France and Italy blocked these regulations. The Government is considering what action we should now take to safeguard our

The Community is in a difficult situation. We shall however persevere in our efforts to achieve a reform of its finances and to make its internal and external policies more relevant to the needs of

today's world.

Community developing its full potential. That is the Community in which I believe. Mr Neil Kinnock, Leader of the

Opposition, questioning the Prime Minister on her statement, said it meant that she had failed to get repayment of the £500m rebate by the target date which she had deliberately set.
Nearly nine months after the

Stuttgart summit (he said), the Prime Minister is even further away from securing agreement to end the injustice of the British budget deficit and is isolated even from those who were prepared to help. regrettable but understandable but Mr Francis Pym (South East will she explain how, as banker to Cambridgeshire, C): As a more Community with the client

our interests and get out money?

It is nothing short of outrageous at a time when there are 15 million unemployed in the Common Market that the leaders of western Europe could meet for three successive summits and still not produce one proposal for economic expansion that out country of Britain and continent of Europe so desperately need (Conservative nothing has happened. Those internutions). nterruptions).
As for the Government, consider-

what action it should take to ing what action it should take to safeguard our position, will she accept that in any consideration undertaken by the Government, there can be no question of subscribing to a Common Market whip round in the form of supplementary estimates before this thouse and that any business. House and that any business anticipated next week of that kind is Mrs Thatcher: He says that we

failed to get payment of the refunds.

I agree that it was not forthcoming
but he should direct his criticisms to France and Italy. (Labour protests). It was France and Italy who deliberately blocked the regulations. That agreement came about in Stuttgart last year and it is reprehensible that the Community has not so far honoured its

obligations. We had help from a number of colleagues in the summit he is right. With regard to getting a reasonable permanent equitable financial arrangement. President Mitterand was most helpful and so were a number

to have a system and therefore proposed an ad hoc arrangement. Having been at this for some time, as have my predecessors because we are all hampered by the system of "own resources" agreed in 1970. I still believe we need a permanent system. That view is shared by the European Parliament. The fact is that some of our colleagues prefer the present system. He does not understand the difference between a banker and a net contributor, and as for proposals for expansion, we were concentrat-ing, as we did in Athens, on trying to get agreement on a package of measure referred up to the European Council. The ten failed to

agree. (Labour protests and inter-He wants me to geree to that package? To agree with the majority? To agree to the 1.4 VAT increase. to the inequitable milk package which would have caused great trouble to our farmers because he essence was that there was

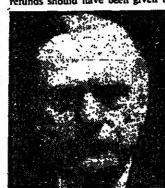
Would Mr Kinnock prefer that I should have gone with the Nine but not gone on batting for a fair deal for Britain? On the supplementary estimate, the Community is already above I per cent VAT; it is already spending

On the question of action following the refusal to let us have

If she had been going to Brussels (Thursday) morning what action is as a supplicant, her lack of best to take and will make a

Cambridgeshire, C): As a more determined attempt than ever about to go bankrupt, she still failed before was made to reach agreement to exert her unique power to achieve and, as she said, she lived to fight the agreement that would safeguard another day and has told the House she is going to, and in view of the magnitude of the issues raised by the principle, practice and legality of withholding does she not agree it would be wise to resist the temptation to withhold? Mrs Thatcher: It is wise first to

discuss the matter in Cabinet tomorrow (Thursday) morning, but I do not think one can go on as if ed. Those



Powell: Stance corresponds with people's wishes

Britain. They were agreed nine months ago and should have been here and it is most reprehensible on the part of the Community that they did not come here.

It is almost intolerable that one

should be expected to send the supplementary levy in the face of what has happened.

Nir David Steel, leader of the Liberal Party: Is it not a unique sign of her failure in diplomacy that all the other nine member states seem

out of step except her? On the balance of the budget payments, her position would have been stronger if the Government had not regularly refused resources from the regional and social funds because of objections to public expenditure within Britain?

Mrs Thatcher: With regard to regional funds, every penny spens by the Community is more than covered by expenditure by the British taxpayer or consumer. When we have covered all that, we are still the exchanges to Brussels.

Mr Norman St John-Steras (Chelmsford, C): To seek a permanent solution to the budget problem is in fact to be both patriotic and a good European, because how can there be a prosperous and on-going Com-munity when one of the leading members is continually rankling under a sense of injustice?

In view of reservations by other members on the proposed system by the French President, would she initiate a constructive and vigorous series of bilateral talks through the Foreign Office so that by the time of the next summit this problem can be disposed of?

Mrs Thatcher: We shall not get a our refunds by March 31, it is not our refunds with and stable or effective Community until the budgetary contributions are

and ability to pay. That is what we shall strive to achieve and what the support but positive jubiliation. European Parliament believes. It also wants others are net beneficiaries and like it that way, but the objective is worthwhile trying to

We have had a number of bilateral discussions between meetings and we shall continue to have more because the present situation is really not sustainable. We are entitled to the same fairness and equity as we always agree to offer to

Dr David Owen, leader of the SDP: She said last night there was only a narrow divide. With skill that gap can be closed but the way to close it is not for Britain to take an illegal

Would she recall the words she used in September of last year that Britain sticks to its treaties and that countries that break their treaties on one occasion may break them on other occasions. If that was acceptable as a lecture to the Chinese Government surely that is something the Prime Minister should stick by.

Is she entitled to go to the

Community and talk about the will of Parliament until she has tested the will of Parliament? Some of us will resist any legislation to withbold payment in this situation. Mrs Thatcher: There was a

comparatively narrow gap between us towards the end and I use that as evidence of the strenuous efforts we had made to compromise because we genuinely wanted a settlement. The gap they offered us was, of course, not of a permanent system. That was a big gap. We did need a permanent agreement. That is really enormous gap and we must go

In so far as the gap was small for one contributor, it was smaller still for the other nine who rejected it because it could have been allocated

among them.

Although there is no exact precedent for the present situation in which two member states have blocked refund regulations implementing payments already agreed by the European Council, there have been previous occasions when small amounts of money have been held

Mr Enoch Powell (South Down, OUP: Ignoring the loud protestations of those who have run away from their own election pledges, Mrs Thatcher's stand at Brussels corresponds as it often does, with the instincts and wishes of the British people. She will have the full-hearted

consent of Parliament and people to her insistence that this country shall have its rightful needs.

Mrs Thatcher: I am grateful to him. We are entitled to a fair and reasonable deal and shall go on fighting for just that. Mir Meriya Rees (Leeds South and Morley, Lab): What advice is Mrs

Thatcher going to give the Cabinet tomorrow when they meet under these most unusual circumstances -(Laughter) - as to what we should do if these European Johnnies do not give in to her demands. Mrs Thatcher. He will have to wait 50 years for the records, unless he is

lucky to have an early leak.

Mr Jonathan Aitken (South Thanct, C: Her courageous stand in Brussels yesterday will be greeted by Conservative MPs and throughout There is plenty more support if she decides with the Cabinet to introduce the necessary withholding legislation next week.

Mrs Thatcher: We did not strive hard to reach a settlement. We were prepared to compromise where it was reasonable to do so. But the package was unacceptable and therefore the decision we took was

Mr Eric Deakins (Walthamstow, Lab): Does she rule out any system based on refunds in view of what has happened to our 1983 refunds? Mrs Thatcher: I still believe we are right in adopting either net contribution or net benefits as the right criterian for getting an equitable financial settlement.

Sir Anthony Kershaw (Stroud, Cr. Accepting that it wa impossible to ask Parliament or the British people to accept a solution that they reas basically unfair, does she not face that amid the welter of figures and Community jargon we may lose sight of the main purpose of the Community to ensure peace and democracy in Europe?

Mrs Thatcher; It is precisely because I want to get away from the annual or biannual welter of figureo and Community jargon that we want a last ing system

We were near to getting one. If we persevere I think we shall be able to get a system but we have to put in place the figures which would ensure that our net contribution is

Mr Roy Jenkins (Glasgow, Hillhead SDP) a former president of the EEC Commission, said that Anglo-French dispute could be deeply destructive. So would the Minister make it explicit that President Meuerand had played a constructive role in trying for a

In considering whether to withold payment (he continued) will Mrs Thatcher consider the dangers of following the example of Liverpool City Council and responding to a budget position, with which she does not agree, by illegality? Mrs Thatcher: This is not a British-

French problem, It is much wider than that President Metterand was helpul in trying to reach agreement on the compromise on the figures but we were just not able to close the final gap. Mr George Gardiner (Reigate, C):

Though nobody wishes to see this dispute escalate the Government would be amply justified in withholding an equivalent amount from our budgetay contribution, at least pending the next European Council meeting.

Mrs Thatcher: That blocking was

unwise and will sour relations.
Those refunds were agreed in
Stuttgart last June. I hope they will
soon unblock those funds. Meantime we must consider what action we can take to safeguard our Mr Joe Ashton (Bassetlaw, Lab):

Mrs Thatcher is breaking the law. Has she not gone on strike against the Common Market? And what is the difference in her position and those of the National Union of Mineworkers or the Labour councillots who refuse to carry on with the

Has she brought her rose coloured glasses today to distinguish herself from Arthur Scargill? (Laughter).

have these refunds by March 31. Mr Gordon Wilson (Dundee East.

SNP) said it was possible that Mrs Thatcher's abrasive style of nego-tiating prevented the gap being

Mrs Thatcher: I do not accept that. One fights fiercely for British interests, and the others did for theirs. If voices were raised, they were not mine. Sir Brandon Rhys Williams (Ken-

sington, C) said it would rather weaken her position if Britain acted over payments to the EEC in a way which many of her friends would hold to be petty and illegal. Mrs Thatcher replied that when the Community went into default with

Britain, Britain had to consider safeguarding her own position. Mr Kevin McNamara (Hull North, Lab) said the Prime Minister's negotiations had been failure, failure, failure. Mr Winston Churchill (Davyhulme,

Cr. We do not want to become the milch cow of Europe. Mrs Thatcher said that in all her dealings Britain had been generous

to the Community. The country was entitled to a fair deal in return. Mr Ronald Leighton (Newham North East, Lab): The British people are fed up to the back teeth with the continual wrangling. If we extricate ourselves from the Community we will have much better relations with our neighbours.

Mrs Thatcher: It is in the best interests of this country if we cominue to be members of the to get fair refunds before. So far we have had two summits. Could it be it will be third time lucky?

Mr Hugh Dykes (Harrow East, C): Would she consider calling an emergency meeting before the June

Mrs Thatcher: There is not much point in having another summit, especially an emergency one, so soon. We got a good deal of support for the system and it is best to try aind-the-scenes contacts. Mr Russell Johnston, (Inverness, Naim and Lochaber, Lt. It is

important to win arguments through negotiations and through negotiations to win friends. Does Mrs Thatcher not feel that the fact that she is described as intransigent by representatives of all other members of the Community represents a failure of her approach? Was not her contemptuous treatment of Dr Garret FitzGerald. head of a poorer country than ouselves, and faced with an agricultural package, systematic of this approach. If you do not give and if you do not admit, you are

unlikely to get very much. Mrs Thatcher: The Irish point was that their farmers were having to ake a cut of ? per cent on last year's milk production. A number of other countries also had cuts of 7 per cent. and some less.

Mr Kinnock: Will the Government legislate to enable us to withhold our contributions to the Common Mrs Thatcher: These matters will be

considered tomorrow (Thursday) morning and a statement made shortly. It is also advisable to consider matters of policy and the

Mrs Thatcher: No law has been broken. The Common Market is in makes such a statement. We must default with us and is not letting us take steps to safeguard our position.

There is no agreement on own resources unless there is agreement on on other things. The prevailing If there were strict financial constraints on the budget, particularly in the agricultural budget, and they were in the budget procedures so they could bite, plus a fairer share

of the burden, we would consider an increase in own resources. such an increase to be ratified by each of the other parliaments in the

Mr Edward Heath (Old Bexley and Sideup. C) the former Prime Minister: To have reached agreement on three of the main factors under discussion at the summit is a remarkable achievement and to have reached agreement on strict financial discipline for which we have been rightly pressing is a major

step forward.
For agricultural ministers to have reach broad agreement except for Northern Ireland, and own re-sources of the Community being increased to 1.4 per cent, is a major achievement unlike any other summit which has preceded it.

The difference between the offer made by President Minerrand and ourselves was reduced to 15 per cent, so 85 per cent of what was being asked for by Britain out of 100

per cent is a narrow gap.
As for the time limit, five years is a considerable time, but if it is possible to get acceptance for a permanent system, we would support it. It is a remarkable achievement

for which she should have credit. On the rebate, President Mitter-rand always made clear it was connected with the agreement on own resources and therefore there is a difference of view. In these



Ashton: Has PM gone on strike against EEC?

circumstances, many of us cannot accept illegality in witholding funds from the Community.

Mrs Thatcher: What he has said

accurately reflects what took place. The agreement on strict financial guidelines was hard fought. It has not been finally put to the summit and therefore we are not quite certain the text which includes the word "guarantee" would be There were some difficult matters

on which a reserve was put by the agricultural council to be referred to the European Council. It is not only irish policy, but Italy and Luxembourg wished to have a special quota so they did not have to reduce the amount of milk they were There is still no decision on the

variable beef premium which is extraordinarily important to our decision on own resources went further than most of us wished in that they proposed 1.4 per cent in 1986 and envisaged a prospect of 1.6 per cent in 1988. That was also

hotly contended. With regard to the gap on the British contribution, this is much wider than it seems. The gap was the system and the amount. Nevertheless, we went a long way to try to reach agreement and I am sorry we did not achieve an agreeme satisfactory to Britain.

 Earlier, during questions on EEC.
matters to the Foreign Secretary, Mr
David Knox (Staffordshire, Moorlands, C) asked: Would it not be better to give more attention to developing the Community and rather less attention to the perty

cash accounts? Sir Geoffrey Howe, Secretary of State for Foreign and Common-wealth Affairs: He is entitled to his. view of the significance of the sums involved, but the need to secure fair and lasting arrangements for the budgetary balance of the Community is one of the crucial factors. with which yesterday's talks were

concerned.
I do not think the Community is likely to have a secure future of the kind he would wish unless we are able to resolve that question,

Nir Smart Bell (Middlesbrough, Lab): When he sets aside the peny cash account, would he take into account that there are 14 million people unemployed in Europe today and will be come forward with constructive proposals so that that,"

Sir Geoffrey Howe: The number of people unemployed in the Com-munity mirrors the situation which prevails in most parts of the world. He is right to emphasize that one of. the most important objectives of policy for the Community must be uccess in reducing that number. Mr Michael Fallon (Darlington, C): to the goal of a truely free European

Sir Geoffrey Howe: I am delighted to do that. There are many measures' that need to be taken, and some were being discussed at the European Council, to ensure that regulations and obstacles that interfere with a liberal market economy within the Community are

Mr Robin Cook, chief Opposition spokesman on European and Community affairs: In order that we can judge the petty cash account, will be share with the House deails, of the proposals he apparently accepted yesterday to increase own

How did he hope to get concessions on the budget if he was willing to surrender in advance a 40per cent increase in our own

Sir Geoffrey Howe: I have no such hope because there was no question of my doing any such thing. The consideration of all questions before the European Council were all directly related to each other and it-was plain to all those taking part that unless we were able to secure agreement on the conditions to which we attach importance, then there could be no question of the

# Wilson among peers backing Thatcher

**HOUSE OF LORDS** 

The former Labour Prime Minister, Lord Wilson of Rievaulx was among peers who expressed support for Mrs Thatcher after Viscount Whitelaw, Lord President of the Council and Leader of the House, had repeated the EEC statement in the House of Lords.

Lord Cledwyn of Penrhos, leader of the Opposition peers, described it as the most scrious statement to be made since Britain entered the European Community in 1973. The implications of failure to reach

refunds due to Britain very seriously and deeply regretted the decision. The withholding of contributions was clearly a matter which would have to be considered. The Cabinet

He asked viscount whitelaw to confirm that one of the matters to be decided was whether Britain would withhold part of the monetary contributions to the Community budget and whether there was any doubt about the legality of such action.

agreement were grave.

He asked Viscount Whitelaw to

Lady Seear, leader of the Liberal peers, said: We heard the statement with the greatest alarm. It is presumably an exercise in brinkmanship but those who practice brinkmanship run the risk of falling into the abyss. The position of the European Community is now very

Viscount Whitelaw said the Govern-

will discuss this (he said) and will make a recommendation on it to Parliament in due course.

He went on: I hope no one will think this disagreement means that this Government is not totally committed to our position in the Community and our desire to play our full part in the Community. All we ask is that we are able to do so on the basis of a sound financial proposition for the future and something which will be fair to our

Lord Wilson of Rievaulx said: Is it not even more unacceptable than even de Gaulle aimed at? The whole thing is due to the grasping habits of the French Government whose agriculture is almost the worst organized in Europe.

Everyone, whatever view they took about the Common Market in the past, should now express their full support of what the Prime Minister has done. (Loud cheers)

own country.

Viscount Tonypandy (Ind), the former Speaker of the House of Commons, said: Will Viscount Whitelaw take back the message that this country is united behind

### Are drinkers getting short measure

Trading standards officers were of opinion that beer drinkers were being defrauded of £500,000 a year in short measure, Lord Winstanley
(L) said at question time in the

House of Lords.
He was told by Lord Lyell, a Government spokesman, that the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry (Mr Norman Tebbit) recognised there might be doubt, confusion and disquiet about how the law on this subject was interpreted and discussions were taking place with interested parties to see whether an acceptable solution could be found. The Government hoped to make a

statement shortly.

The available statistics did not suggest the practice of dispensing short measures was widespread. Lady Sharples (C): Speaking as a publican. I never give short measure. (Laughter and cheers.)

 Mr John McWilliam (Blaydon Lab) successfully sought leave in the Commons to present the Marking of Gravity (Beer and Lager) Bill to provide for the marking of the original gravity of all beers and lager. lagers on dispensing taps, bottles, cans and other containers. The Bill was read a first time.

# Russians must be told of any moves

THE GULF

It would be important to ensure that the Soviet Union was advised of the nature of any action or initiative in would be serious if there were any misunderstandings. Sir Geoffrey Howe, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, de-clared in the Commons during

He was replying to Mr Denis Healey, chief Opposition spokes-man on foreign affairs, who had said the main danger in that area was interference with the freedom of passage for oil supplies through the Gulf because of the war between Would not the Foreign Secretary agree (said Mr Healey) that unilateral western military action to secure freedom of supplies would be

there was serious danger to the prosperity of western countries through interference with oil supplies?
He went on: Would the Foreign Secetary ensure that no western action is undertaken in the Gulf

without securing the understanding of the Soviet Union in whose back yard the Gulf happens to lie and which has the same interests as the West in freedom of passage through Have any steps been taken to cover the insurance of tankers passing through the Gulf in case

cannot afford? Sir Geoffrey Howe: I cannot give a specific answer on the latter question. The rates fluctuate

according to circumstances. But I will make further jaquiries. I would agree about the potential dangers of the Iran-Iraq war and the importance of ensuring that before any question of military or other action to clear the Straits, if they were blocked, was being considered, all diplomatic activities should first

fully exhausted. Reporting on the situation in the Middle East. Sir Geoffrey Howe said there had been no recent progress in settling the various disputes in the region.

We shall (he said) be keeping up our efforts to help bring about negotiated settlements to the Arab-Israeli dispute and the Iran-Iraq

war. It is disappointing that the Lebanese reconciliation conference in Lausane made so little progress and much to be hoped that the Lebanese leaders will make further efforts to reach a lasting settlement.

Mr Dennis Walters (Westbury, C): King Husain's recent remarks reflected the understandable frustration felt by Arab moderates at United States policy in the Middle

East.

Would Sir Geoffrey Howe propose, therefore, to be more active in trying to bring about an

national conference aimed at

commercial insurance rates rise to a getting a comprehensive peace level which the oil companies settlement before a major explosion takes place in that area?
Sir Geoffrey Howe: I am interested in what Mr Walters says about the reasons lying behind the

recent remarks made by King Husain, I would not comment on what they imply as to relations between his country and the United States. But plainly the voice of King Husain and Jordan is one which has an important and leading part to play in the search for a settlement in

that area and bringing together the voice of moderate Arabs. I am not sure that the proposal of a conference has any part to play at

Arms sales to Chile Certain arms sales negotiations with

Certain arms sales negotiations with Chile were in progress but none had been concluded. Mr Raymond Whitney, Under Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, said.

This was after Mr Donald Anderson (Swansca East. Lab) asked it if was true that negotiations for the purchase by the Chilean Navy of HMS Hermes, the Antrim, two frigates and 24 Sea Harriers had been concluded.

Parliament today Commons (2.30): Debates on foreign affairs and on the CAP. Lords (3): Housing and Building Control Bill.

### Government energy policy attacked

A call for more emphasis to be given to fuel conservation in the Government's energy policy was made by Mr Stanley Orane;

costs and poverty.

He moved an Opposition motion condemning the Government on several points of policy and calling and a comprehensive system of

# Viscount Whitelaw said the Governthe statements that have been made ment took the blocking of the by the Prime Minister Television 'crucial' in election

factor in deciding the outcome of last year's general election, but voters thought that BBC

According to a joint research project published by the BBC independent television today the election did not attract increasing numbers of viewers to news and current affairs programmes as polling A large proportion of those interviewed felt that television

had taught them "a great deal"

and independent television

devoted too much time to the

By David Hewson, Arts Correspondent

Sample taken day after election. floating voters were twice as or a "fair amount" about party likely as party followers to say

Key: A: Intend to vote as 1979; B: Intend to vote different than 1979; C: New

# policies, and new voters and that watching television had **Business video growth**

such equipment and pro- £5m. grammes is almost £200m a "7 The conclusions are con-tained in a report published today by the Economist Intelligence Unit. The study cites many case histories, among them a county council (Essex)

The commercial use of video use video in education and a rassettes and discs is quickly bank (Barclays) which owns becoming an integral part of 3.000 videos and 150 duplicat-business life and the cost of ing machines costing more than

The range of commercial video uses takes in teaching and training, advertising, marketing and public relations, not to mention security, surveillance and technical and medical inspection", the report says.
Putting Video to Work, a New them a county council (Essex)

Which has spent £130,000 on

buying equipment and staff to

Medium, a New Industry: (EIU,

Spence House, 27 St James's Place,

London SWIA INT; £75).

helped them to reach their INFLUENCE OF TELEVISION ON The report concludes: "Here, television coverage seems to have had a significant influence upon those particular groups of

voters whose decisions are central to the balance of clectoral power, and who represent about one in four of all television viewers."
The Liberal/SDP Alliance election broadcasts scored the highest appreciation marks among viewers, but the Labour Party's broadcasts finished a bad third, with a rating of 43.

compared with the Alliance's 55

and the Conservatives' 53. The audience for Panorama remained stable throughout the campaign irrespective of which political leader was being interviewed, while Nationwide attracted a larger audience for its edition featuring an inter-view with Mr Michael Foot than for those in which Mrs Margaret Thatcher or Mr David

Steel appeared.
On BBC breakfast television

the audience increased as

election day approached. An

edition featuring Mrs Thatcher two days before polling day attracted an audience at least

three times greater than those

for earlier editions involving

Mr Foot and Mr Steel

### Portrait of the artist in bronze From Tim Jones

Swansea The wild, sad master poet of Wales was finally recognized in his own land yesterday when a statue to Dylan Thomas was unveiled in his home town of

The land of bards had taken a long time to honour its outrageous genius who died in New York aged 39 after a spectacular drinking bout. According to the coroner he

died because of "an insult to the brain". Thomas once dared to call the Welsh a nation of perverts and respectable non-conformist and respectation non-comformist society rounded on him. He hit back brilliantly with Under Milk Wood, set in Llaregub and only after it was broadcast was it noticed what the village name was when spelt back-

by Mr John Doubleday it

depicts the poet sitting in

meditative mood. The cigarette

wards.

But yesterday under a hazy Swansea sun old scars were healed as the statue to the boy from No 5 Cwmdonkin Drive was unveiled by Lady Wilson of late Thomas's dilemma. He Rievanlx. hated the parochialism of Wales but he was bound to the



Poetic justice: Lady Wilson of Rievaulx unveiling the Dylan Thomas statue yesterday.

and booze bottle are missing. It is inscribed with a line from his poem Fern Hill: "Though I sang in my chains like the sea."
The words neatly encapsu-

Swansea City Council paid

principality inexorably.

half of the £15,000 cost of the statue, the other half being met by an anonymous philanthropist who has supported many such ventures in Britain.

Lady Wilson, a poet in her own right, thought that Thomas would have had a few choice words to say about the unveiling ceremony at the city's

yacht marina. Black mayoral imousines flashed in the sun and heavy chains of office reflected the rays. It was easy to see Thomas would have hated it,

was Llaregub but whether he likes it or not Swansea has now claimed its most famous son.

# **POVERTY**

Opposition spokesman on energy when he opened a debate on fuel

heating allowances to protect all vulnerable groups from high fact costs and the risk of fact

disconnexion. Mr Alick Buchanan-Smith, Minister of State for Energy, moved Government amendment welcoming the fact that gas and electricity price increases were below inflation rate and that the Government had maintained and improved the real value of social security benefits To complain about the Government's record when electricity prices had increased by 2 per cent in two years when under the last Labour government, they increased by 2 per cent every six weeks showed what a nonsense the Opposition motion was.

# The Opposition motion was rejected by 289 votes to 202 of Government majority 87. Duke's £2m appeal to save plants

By Tony Samstag

About 40,000 flowering plants, a sixth of known species. could go the way of the dodo by the middle of the next century, the Duke of Edinburgh said Speaking at Kew Gardens,

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the Duke launched a plant conservation campaign on behalf of the World Wildlife Fund-International of which he is president. It is hoped to raise almost £2m for the project, which aims primarily to instruct people in the importance of wild plants and their conservation. But conservation programmes are to be expanded in the richer and more threatened habitats, such as tropical rain forests in South America and South-east Asia. The fund emphasizes that

conservation is in man wown self-interest. Wild plants, many not yet identified, are reservoirs of food, fuel and medicine Examples mentioned yesterday included a hairy wild potato from Bolivia that repels aphids and a new drug based on the wild mayapple, which is said to be effective in treating some

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Regional trends 1: Life styles

# More uniformity but differences are still marked

By David Walker, Social Policy Correspondent

Workers in Wales are the most strike-prone in the United Kingdom, according to the latest set of official statistics for the regions; in recent years they have been up to five times more likely to take industrial action than workers in the South-east and East Anglia.

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The figures, published today, onlirm that inhabitants of the United Kingdom are becoming alike. For example there is not much variation in the growing rend towards centrally heated housing, and regional wage rates show only slight differences.

But there remain differences in life style. People in the Black Country apparently do con-siderable more home baking than anyone else; Tynseside women do not drive; two thirds of Welsh childern go to nursery school compared with under one third of their London contemporaries; the ancient Scottish affinity for medicine still means that Scotland is more generously endowed with hospitals beds and general practitioners than anywhere

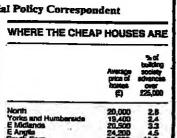
The civil servants who collect these figures have left a number of puzzles. Why do the people Birmingham and Wolverhampton eat more fish than the national average? Why do the canny Scots, of whom a large number walk to work, own the newest cars in Britain?

Why are the inhabitants of Devon and Cornwall so markcdly law-abiding - half as many offences are notified to the police in the South West as in Lancashire, Manchester and Merseyside?

The regional figures pinpoint Britain's growth areas as, primarily East Anglia and the Home Counties around London. Projecting forward to the end of the century, the Central Statistical Office says the drain of people from Liverpool and Manchester, from Durham and Tyneside and from central London will continue. Growth area include Buckinghamshire (27 per cent by the year 2000), Hereford, Wiltshire and West

Were Mrs Thatcher to look for soulmates she might find them in the regions with high levels of owner occupation. The average is 56 per cent of all households. The level is considerably higher not only, as might be expected, in Surrey and Sussex but also in Lanca-shire (71 per cent) and Wales (60 per cent); in the centre and west of Scotland only a third of homes are owner occupied.

fraction (less than 2 per cent) was born outside the bound-aries of the United Kingdom. Only 1.6 per cent of Northumpopulation was



WHO GETS THE BENEFIT? Social benefits per head (E)\*

Yorks and Humberside East Midlan East Anglia South-east

WHERE THE ROADS ARE SAFEST Accidents per 100 kilometres of road

Yorks and Humberside E Midlands E Anglia South-east (excl GLC) Greater London

and contrasting with Greater London's 18 per cent.

Despite the efforts of the National Health Service to allocate resources fairly, there remain important differences in the access of people to hospital beds and doctors. In part, this reflects the health of the regions: infant mortality is notably higher in Northern Ireland, the West Midlands and the Northwest. In part, attitude to medical care are different: the rate of abortions per 1,000 women of child-bearing age in London is nearly twice that of Scotland, the South-west and

the North. Another factor is simply the availability of health services. There are more than 11 hospital beds for every 1,000 people in Scotland compared with less than 6 in the Oxford health area. Oxford's beds are most heavily used, however in 1981 some 20 cases were treated in The most "British" of all the each of the area's beds com-regions is without doubt the pared with a UK average of 16 North-east where the smallest and less than 13 in the Southwest London area.

> Tomorrow: The decline of the West Midlands and the rise of Scotland.

even than the Scottish islands £18.50).



A detail of Jacopo Bassano's "The V. ay to Calvary".

# £300,000 grant helps to buy Venetian masterpiece

The National Gallery has painting to be displayed". brought one of the most famous works by the sixteenth century artist Jacopo Bassano, "The Way To Calvary", which was featured in the recent Genius of Venice exhibition at the Royal

Academy.

The sale was negotiated with the trustees of the Earl of Bradford through Christie's. The painting has been in his family home at Weston Park

for nearly two centuries.

He said yesterday that it had been necessary to sell the painting to raise money for capital transfer tax. "There is no more suitable place for the

The treaty bars the publipuchase was aided by a grant of £300,000 from the National Heritage Memorial Fund. It will go on show at the gallery

It was probably executed between 1545 and 1550, and helped to establish Bassano, with Tintoretto and Verones as one of the most influential of Venetian artists of the six-

venerian artists of the six-teenth century after Titian.

The painting formed part of the gift from the states of Holland to Charles II on his

# Barlinnie 'overcrowded'

From Ronald Faux, Edinburgh

Remand prisons at Barlinnie prison, Glasgow, are housed in overcrowded and unacceptable conditions, Mr Philip Barry, Chief Inspector of Prisons for Scotland, said in a report

Bartinnie, which is Scotland's largest prison, now has about 1,500 prisoners, of whom 680

are on remand pending trial or awaiting sentence

That is a marked increase from the time when Mr Barry made his inspection and found inadequate facilities for rec-reation association and feeding as well as permanent overcrowding among the remand



Violinist honoured: Yehndi Menuhin right, receiving the Plaque dn bi-Millenaire de la Ville de Paris from The Mayor of Paris, M Jacques Chirac. The award is for services to Paris over the years.

### Life for trucker who drove into bar From Tony Duboudia

A man who drove his lorry nto the bar of the Inland Motel Bar at Ayers Rock, central Australia, last August killing five people and injuring 30 was yesterday sentenced to life

Melhourne Douglas Crabbe, aged 36, received a life sentence on each of five charges in the Northern Territory Supreme Court. The jury took four and a half hours

Mr Crabbe, demolished a large part of the motel when his 120-tonne juggernaut ploughed into the bar shortly after he was ejected after having been re-

the temporary ceasefire

Kaunda mediation sought after Pretoria's anger at rhetoric from Angola

level between Angola and an angry South Africa were sughere yesterday. The com-muniqué issued in Havana on Monday by President Castro and President Eduardo Dos Santos of Angola, setting out conditions for the withdrawal of that it was known that the United States, South Africa's main sponsor in the Angolan initiative, was not happy with Mr Botha's strong response, and Cuban forces and harshly criticizing the disgraceful apartheid regime, provoked a blunt but characteristic response from Mr R F (Pik) Botha, the South African Foreign Minister, on Tuesday

night.

He questioned whether Angoralls. It was noted that Mr la's role in the joint monitoring Botha had called for urgent commission, set up in Lusaka last month to monitor the disengagement of South African forces from southern Angola and to insure against breaches

South-West Africa People's Organization (SWAPO), any longer made sense. The South African Press Association reported yesterday

tried to persuade him to moderate his remarks. Diplomatic sources here said that, although there had been a sharp rise in the level of rhetoric, they believed that the peace initiative was still on the clarification of the Angolan

Government's position and it

was felt that this could be achieved through new talks in Lusaka.
President Kaunda of Zambia,

agreement by guerrillas of the who is acknowledged by both sides to be an able mediator, is being looked at to take the initiative, sources said. In contrast to his anger over

the tone of the communiqué, Mr Botha expressed South Africa's satisfaction with the cooperative relationship which has thus far developed between the Angolan and South African components of the Joint Men:toring Commission (JMC).

The complete disengagement of both South African and Angolan forces from the Angola-Namibia theatre as a preliminary to the implementation of the United Nations independence formula for Namibia is a far more complicated issue than the peace and good neighbourliness pact signed between South Africa and its Marxist eastern neighbour, Mozambique, last

# ANC undaunted by peace pact

By Henry Stanhope, Diplomatic Correspondent

The non-aggression pact between South Africa and Mozambique was a challenge, a "clarion call" to the opponents of apartheid, Mr Oliver Tambo, president of the African National Congress (ANC), said in London yesterday.

But he denied that the ANC,

movement in South Africa, had been using Mozambique for republic. "There has not been a single occasion on which we did

Mr Tambo, aged 66, was speaking at press conference at County Hall, London, with Mr

Greater London Council whose guest he was - and other opponents of apartheid.

There was nothing in last week's agreement between South Africa and Mozambique to suggest that the ANC was about to be thrown out of

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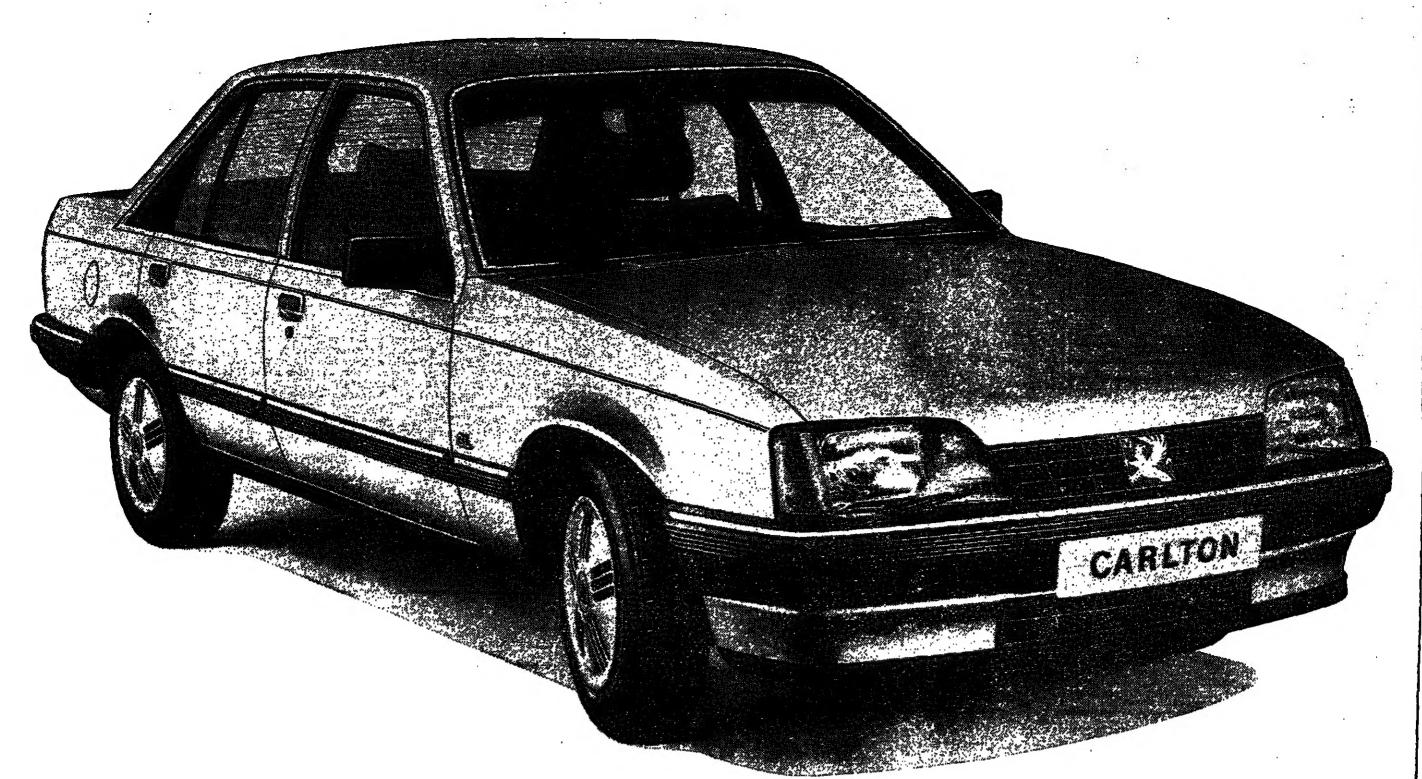
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# Europeans united in condemning Mrs Thatcher for failure of Community summit

# Budget gap narrowed to only £150m, but it was not enough for Britain

being made an offer it could not refuse at the European summit, Mr Gaston Thorn, the president of the European Commission, confirmed yesterday.

But he added: "I think it is wrong to look just at the figures. The divergences are much greater than figures and every-body should realize that is the

He said he had told the summit that there had to be a system for resolving the budget dispute on a durable basis. "You can't go on going back to horse-trading year after year. But how unwilling some were to pick up the challenge, while recognizing there is no alterna-tive to Europe. When you realize you have to tighten the purse strings, you realize it is essential to find a solution".

He was glad that his off-repeated plea for a new conference to plan the EEC's future had been adopted by President Mitterrand after the summit. The French President had said that he felt there was a need for such a meeting of all those countries who wanted to work for Europe - and he hoped that meant all 10 of the present

It was a conference of this type that Mr Neil Kinnock, the Labour Party leader, suggested in a recent article, which was widely interpreted as proof of over and above the £600m his conversion to support of the mark, so Mrs Thatab

Greece

# 'Relief' if Britain left EEC

From Mario Modiano Athens

What irritates the Greeks most about the failure of the Brussels summit, for which they put the blame squarely on Britain, is that Greece's own problems with the Community had been successfully dealt with just before the whole package

This explains perhaps why the harshest comments about Britain's attitude came from Mr Andreas Papandreon, the Greek Prime Minister, who said: "My feeling is that the other partners would be greatly relieved if Britain left the Community."

Mr Papandreou added: "We won our battle, but the Com-

munity lost its own." He was bitter about Mrs Margaret Thatcher. "She sacrificed the Thatcher. "She sacrificed the Community on the altar of the (European) election campaign,"

Mrs Margaret Thatcher has made it clear that, whatever the philosophical argument, what

she is interested in is the result in other words a figure. On that basis she could well argue that the gap is closing significantly.
This is because France was able to put forward a proposal

which could have given Britain a refund of £750m on a total contribution of £1,200m. This was less than the £900m rebate Mrs Thatcher initially said she wanted, but was probably very

The trouble was that Herr Helmut Kohl, the West German Chancellor, said he could not afford to pay his full share of

any rebate in excess of £600m.

Mrs Thatcher was apparently very sympathetic to this. She recognizes that West Germany is the main paymaster of the Community and that Herr Kohl is facing a tough time imposing the austerity controls in his owncountry. Her view was that it was up to the other countries, none of whom, other than France actually make any net payments to the Community, to fund the difference.

This attitude particularly infuriated Signor Betoni Craxi, the Italian Prime Minister - even though his country's poverty makes it generally exempt from any extra charges.

package. After all, it was argued, she had accepted £475m last

But Mrs Thatcher quickly saw this for nothing but another interim deal of the kind which had caused so much trouble in the past. She compromised by offering to accept the £600m for this year, providing that a new system giving the £750m could be guaranteed to be in place by

Mitterrand apparantly asked which idea people pre-ferred and only Mrs Thatcher liked her own one.

The nine-to-one situations has reawoken suggestions that either Britain should leave the Community or that a majority voting system should be intro-

Observers felt that M Mitterrand felt so frustrated by the way the argument was going that he would have liked to subject Mrs Thatcher to a vote, despite the fact that it was France, with the help of General de Gualle, which won the right of veto originally.

It is nevertheless likely that as a result of the summit it will be more and more difficult for countries to plead "vital national interest" in blocking Community decisions, M Mitterrand confirmed that farm. ministers will vote through, if necessary, next week's agricul-

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# Italy: 'Homage to pig headedness'

# Press sees proof of **UK** estrangement

From Peter Nichols

Descriptions of Mrs Marga-ret Thatcher in Italy after the failure of the EEC summit are colourful, Signor Gialio Andreotti, the Foreign Minister, is quoted as comparing her to "a landlady dealing with a tenant who owes the rent". Signor Bettino Craxi, the

Prime Minister, bad already stated that she "bears the entire responsibility for the failure of the European Council". He added that he could not foresee another summit soon because the last one was simply once agains in "homage to pig-headedness" Little charity towards the

British stand is shown in the Italian press. "Thathcer tor-pedoes Europe", is the main beadline in the Rome newspaper La Repubblica. The Turin La Stampa talks

of "The shipwreck of Europe" and reports that all partici-pants place the blame for the



Landlady dealing with a bad tenant'

summits failure on Mrs Thatcher. The Milan news-paper Corriere della Sera talks of another European failure which is marked by "the British estrangement in

# Spain: 'Process of integration will go on'

# Entry has been made more difficult

Spain yesterday said itregretted the Brussels summit's failure to give "new and necessary stimulus" to the construction of Europe, while refusing to accept the delay in its entry negotiations.

After a Cabinet meeting to take stock. Senor Manuel Marin, the State Secretary for relations with the EEC, was told to go ahead and symbolically present Madrid's reply to EEC proposals on agriculture, one of the main elements of the of integration "will go on; no constructing Europe

From Richard Wigg, Madrid negotiating package, in Brussels.

Both Senor Fernando Moran, the Spanish Foreign Minister and Dr Jaime Gama, his Portuguese counterpart, who was on a stopover here yester-day. underlined Tuesday's commitment by Mrs Margaret Thatcher and President Mitterrand on Spain and Portugal joining the EEC on January I.

one should be able to say Spain does not want to negotiate". But, behind these words, Madrid realizes that the obstacles have gronw, whereas the Brussels summit had been looked to as a badly needed stimulus to the final negotiating

All the Madrid dailies headlined on the Brussels fracaso (failure), widely blaming Mrs Thatcher and accepting, uncriti-Senor Moran said the process cally, the French pitch about







### France: 'La Perfide Albion' in the dock

# Caution tempers condemnation Milk makes

Kohl have already gone too far

reason a "success" at Brussels

might have actually resulted in

In the minds of the French press there is no doubt at all about who is to blame for the failure of the Brussels summit -Britain or La Perfide Albion, as sented by the intransigent Iron Lady.

Many are demanding Britain's exclusion from the Community, but others are more cautious, if not concili-

atory.

M Edgar Pisani, European
Commissioner and former Gaullist Minister of Agriculture,
said, for example, that it was in
the interests of everyone to seek
a new solution with Britain.

For Europe without Britain is For Europe without Britain is no longer really Europe."
The other nine EEC members

must, however, make Britain realize that there were "limits to its intransigent positions of non-negotiation." he said. In his view, the final offer made to Britain was a "totally acceptible

Herr Hans-Dietrich Genscher,

the West Germann Foreign

Minister, to describe the failure

of the Brussels summit. But he

insisted Bonn would not give in

to resignation, but would start

immediately on the search for a

solution to the questions still

direct criticism of Mrs Margaret

Thatcher, but made clear his

Government's vexation at her

tough stance. He told a press

conference that London would do well to take note of the fact

that the nine other Commmu-

nity members with very varying

interests had in the end come

together with a joint proposal to

He said there was no

question of isolating Britain,

but creating conditions for a common solution and doing everything possible to safeguard the steps already taken.

The German Cabinet met

yeserday morning to discuss what Herr Genscher called the

"grave crisis in the Com-munity". He had earlier tele-

phoned M Claude Cheysson,the

London for a compromise.

Herr Genscher avoided any

party's national secretary, said that the united front of the Nine was not just against Britain, but for a number of constructive proposals for the relaunch of

a worse failure for Europe. It is the farmers who have been the most outspoken in "That is the outstanding result of the action taken by their condemnation of Britain. The failure of the summit showed that Britain did not want to make any effort towards Europe, said M François Guillaume, president of the FNSEA, the largest farmers' federation.

readiness to support President mut Kohl said only a few weeks

Reporting back: Chancellor Kohl and Herr Genscher

Britain had not abided by the rules of the game, and must now suffer all the consequences, he said. "The British proposals are scandalous and exorbitant. Every year Britain repeats the Every sacrifice made by the Community has only led to further British demands. . Britain must leave the Common

However, the Socialist Party has tried to show that the

From Michael Binyon, Bonn "Negative and disappoint- French Foreign Minister, and bitterly disappointed by a

Mitterand's efforts over the

next few months to reach

Herr Genscher pointedly

insisted that all the Community

members had to recognize that

the Community was not a

mutual insurance company".

but a Community of common

destiny to which the Germans,

The Germans have been

for one, saw no alternative.

agreement

ago would be "catastrophic" for

the Community. But yesterday

they were trying to take comfort

from the achievements that

were possible in Brussels, and

were hoping the agreements

over strict budgetary discipline.

the limiting of agricultural surpluses and the regulation of

the vexed cross-border taxes on

agricultural produce between

France and Germany would not

now be thrown into jeopardy.

Some feel that President summit was not a complete Europe a good turn in insist Mitterrand and Chancellor failure. M Georges Sarre, the on radical budgetary reform. West Germany: 'Negative and disappointing'

President Mitterrand over nearly three months. It is an achievement of French diplo-macy which knew how to isolate Britain in its anti-communitarian stance and to gather together all the other member

"Failure at Brussels: The indomitable Mrs Thatcher", ran yesterday's headline in Le Figuro. "Thatcher breaks the bank" Le Matin proclaimed. There is little attempt in the French press, radio or television to understand the British position. Only the left-wing daily, Libération, suggests that Britain has a fair case, and might actually have done Europe a good turn in insisting

Under the super-levy pro-Search still on, Genscher says

plus l.per cent.
Milk production accounts for 19 per cent of total gap, with one in 10 of the working population employed in the industry. It is five times more than in the Community gener-

be able to reach milk pro-duction levels achieved by other more advanced and efficient European agricultural indus-

opposed to the concept of a super-levy it believes that any penalties should fall on those countries using intensive factory-farming methods, rather than on Ireland, whose industry is based wholly on grazing.

with 20 per cent of the Labour force dependent on an industry which accounts for a third of the country's exports. Milk production has risen by

14 per cent between 1981 and 1983, but under the super-levy it would be cut back to the 1981 level of 4.5 million tonnes. The issue has united politicians in the country, and farmers have demonstrated

their opposition in Brussels' where the Irish are usually seen as "good Europeans".

# **Ireland**

# difference From Richard Ford, Belfast Dr Garret Fitzgerald, the Irish Prime Minister, has spent

all the

months lobbying for support in European capitals for an exception to be made for Ireland in any EEC super-levy on milk, which is more important to the Irish economy than to any other Community member.
The EEC wants by means of

such a levy to limit Europe's huge milk surplus, but Dr Fitzgerald is demanding total exemption for the republic, or increases in Irish milk production of up to 8 per cent a year for the next five years. Total exemption would cost the EEC £150m.

Ireland produced 5.3 million tonnes last year, and under proposals put at Brussels its dairy output would rise to 7.4 million tonnes by 1989, a 40 per cent increase over the present

posal Irish farmers would pay 75p a gallon on any milk production above the 1981 level

ally.

What the republic wants is to

Although the republic is not

Agricultural production accounts for 13 per cent of gnp,

Spanish airport fire

# New party to fight Israeli poll

his platform after the election

date is set, but he made it clear

the Likud Government's Leba-

nese adventure will be the

Mr Weizman, who quit Mr Manachem Begin's Govern-

ment three years ago in a

dispute over peace policy, rebuffed moderates who had

been contemplating setting up a

cetrist block under his leader-

ship. "Anyone who as a member of the Cabinet or a

member of Parliament voted

confidence in this government

Lebanon. . . has no place on my

list." he said. The remark particularly of-fended Mr Yitzhak Berman, of

delay in ordering an inquiry

into the Phalangist massacre of

central plank.

Election fever is growing in Israel as the Knesset prepares to vote today on five private members' Bills calling for its dissolution and early elections. The Bills appeared to have mustered suppport for the

preliminary vote today, but there were reports last night of behind-the-scenes moves by the ruling Likud coalition to tor-pedo the attempt. Mr Yitshak Peretz, who has crossed the floor from the Likud to Labour, said he has been offered incentives to vote with the Government The Likud election com-

mittee is reported to have agreed that elections should be brought forward, but the parties could not agree on a date. They will continue discussions today. Proposals ranged from mid-May to November.

A big stir has been caused by Mr Ezer Weizman, the former Defence Minister, who dramatically announced on television on Tuesday night that he will contest the elections as head of

Mitterrand meets Lebanese leaders

Paris (AFP) - President

Gemayel of Lebanon and Mr

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Methods Paris (AFP) - President

with M Claude Cheysson, the Navy has left Toulon men were also to have talks ferry chartered by the French with M Claude Cheysson, the Navy has left Toulon for Nabih Berri, the Shia leader,

French Foreign Minister. Mr Walid Jumblatt, the have arrived here from Switzer-Druze leader, has also been land for talks with French invited to consult Mr Mitterofficials on what a Lebanese

source described as a possible "new role" for French troops in Lebanon. Yesterday's meetings came after the break-up of the Michel Vauzelle, the French presidential spokesman. revealed nothing of the substance of Mr Gemayel's talks Lebanese reconciliation confer-Mitterrand. Mr Gemayel himself made no

ence in Lausanne, Switzerland. Mr Gemayel met for one hour President Mitterrand. Mr statement, But according to informed Berri was scheduled to meet the French head of state later. Both sources in Toulon, a big car

a new party. He said he will said. "The man was silent for name his assiciates and explain two years. He kept all options open, waiting for a telephone call... to join the Government and now he suddenly preach-A Labour party "dove," Mr

Yossi Sarid, also attacked Mr

Weizman, calling him a "house maid's de Gaulle". "He sat patiently for two years while 586 of our soldiers were killed before he opened his mouth. Now he has the gall to cast aspersions on someone like Mr Berman, who had the decency and courage to quit the

Government over the Lebanese after what happened mainly in affair." During his interview Mr Weizman criticized his former party, saying Israel had never been as insecure and depressed as now, after seven years of Likud rule.

the Likud, who resigned his cabinet seat in 1982 in protest Bul, observers said, Likud against the Begin Government's had little reason to be disturbed. They said the new party will, rather, compete for votes with Palestinians in Beirut refugee Labour and the planned centre

camps. Labour at "I'm astounded," Mr Berman grouping.

Cyprus and Beirut. There was also speculation in the French press that President Mitterrand would evacuate the 1,300-strong French contingent, the only remaining multinational peacekeeping force left in Beirut.

However, a high-ranking Lebanese Government official told reporters in Lausanne that the talks were likely to focus on the continuing presence of French troops in Beirut.

### Zambia gives Prince colourful welcome From Michael Hornsby, Lusaka

The Prince of Wales arrived in Zambia yesterday to a 19-gun salute and a big, colourful crowd of local people and British expatriots.

There was a flutter of paper union jacks and Zambian flags, a burst of cheering and a thump of tribal drums as the Prince emerged from the aircraft on the second leg of his four-nation African tour. He had flown in from

Tanzania, where he began his tour last Monday, It is his first visit to Zambia. He will tour a sugar estate managed by the Commonwealth Development Corporation, of which he is a director, and make an excursion to the northern copperbelt.

On Friday he flies to Livingstone, a town named after the Scottish missionaryexplorer who was the first European to see the Victoria

Prince Charles found time yesterday to exchange a few words with members of the British community. There are about 15,000 British nationals in Zambia, a quarter of them of Asian origin. Most are here on temporary employment con-

The Prince was welcomed in Lusaka by President Kaunda at State House, where he is staying. Afterwards he at-tended a reception at the British High Commission.

Resistance in Congress to the

# Reagan abandons plan to sell Stingers to Arabs

From Christopher Thomas, Washington President Reagan, facing Western oil interests in the

defeat in Congress, has aban-doned proposals to sell Stinger shoulder-held Stingers to the anti-aircraft missiles to Jordan task force have, however, been and Saudi Arabia, abruptly dropped. ending any early prospect of rekindling his moribund Middle East peace initiative og September, 1982.

sale of Stinger missiles to Jordan hardened after King Husan launched a sharp attack

The White House confirmed last week on American policy in the decision yesterday. But in a the Middle East. He accused the trade-off with opponents of the Americans of one-sided support missile deal there is now a good of Israel and in an interview on chance that Congress will American television threatened approve the establishment of a to seek arms from the Soviet US armed and equipped Jorda Union if the US turned him Leading article, page 13 nian strike force to protect down:

# safety condemned From Richard Wigg, Madrid Spanish Government inspectors Civil Ariports, which said that found that four of the 11 fire Barajas airport fulfils the

engines at Madrid's Barajas airport last year were not working and needed repair, and only one of the fleet was in full working order, a Ministy of Finance investigation has revealed.

The report, covering the years 1980-82 was made public vesterday. It covers safety standards and administration at all Spain's 33 airports, and underlines the need for reform highlighted by two disasters at Barajas late last year, with the loss of more than 270 lives.

The investigation was or-dered shortly before the Socialists came to power in 1982, and many of its recommendations are already being put into Allegations made by the inspectors include inadequate

inspectors include inadequate lighting and painting of the route makings on Barajas runways – raised by Spanish pilots after last December's collision between a Boeing 727 and a DC 9 – risks to aircraft turbines due to poor clearing of the runways, lack of practice in emergency procedures, and criticism of the age of both firemen and their equipment.

Spain's National Airports Authority, in a reply made public yesterday, referred to the studies of Barajas made last December, by the United States Federal Aviation Authority, and by a team from the International Association of Barajas airport fulfils the requirements laid down by the International Civil Aviation Organization.

The authority points to the example of Monday's successful emergency landing by a Spantax Convair Coronado 990, at Gando airport in the Canaries, when a foam covering was put down along more than 200ft of the runway, as an example of regularly revised emergency procedures and the high degree of efficiency achieved. Fire-fighting equipment at

Barajas, the authority claims, is Barajas, the authority claims, is well above ICAO standards, but it says a new fleet of 33 fire engines has begun to be delivered. The inspectors said many fire engines last year in service were supplied by the United States and dated from

They also claimed that Spain has too many airports, which partially explained the £66m losses during 1981-83. But they also blamed "administrative chaos" which meant the airports were unable to supply their revenue figures.

The inspectors found irregularities at airport duty-free shops, catering firms, and airport bus services, all left to estimate for themselves the dues and taxes they had to pay. The siting of may airports had been dictated by local political interests or rivalries. One airport was never served by regular commercial flights.

# Uzbekistan quake leaves 100 injured

Moscow (AP) – More than 100 people were injured and an unspecified number left homeless in Gazli, Soviet Uzbekistan, during last Tuesday's major earthquake, Tass reported. The tremors cracked the town's fiospital and residets rushed to evacuate patients.

The earthquake struck at about 1.30am, sending people into the streets in panic. Electricity was knocked out and gas and water supplies

An emergency team pre-vented a disaster at a gas pipeline compressor station when the power failed. Houses, kindergartens and schools were damaged. The injured were sent by bus to Bukhara for treatment and airlifts of tents and medicine began from Bukhara and Tashkent. Telephone lines to both these cities were down.

### Jail for IRA gun runners

Le Havre (AP) - An Irish Lorry driver Michael Chrisiopher Macdonald, aged 26, of Dundalk and a French journalist Alain Frilet, aged 27, were sentenced to one-year prison terms on charges of transporting weapons believed destined for the TR'A. Macdonald was also fined 61,666 francs (£5,300), the value of the weapons in his van. The two men had been in a Le Havre prison since their arrest last August after a search of the long revealed 28 handguns. 12,000 cartridges, 23lb of explosives, two grenades and 200 detonators.

# Confession by US Jews

New York (Reuter) - A group of prominent American Jews has concluded that major US Jewish organizations did not do all they could to save victims of the Nazi extermination of the Jews, The New York Times said.

Former Supreme Court Justice Arthur Goldberg, chairman of the American Jewish Commission on the Holocaust, was quoted as saying "Much as it hurts me to have to say it, we didn't do enough. Nobody did

### Yachts seized

Miami (AFP) - Two American yachis and their crews, totalling 19 people, have been seized by the Cuban authorities for approaching too close to the island during a Miami-to-Jamaica race, the US Coast Guard said here.

# Wine challenge



Mayor Edward Koch of New York City (above) has dared the state liquor authority to arrest him for bringing his own wine to restaurants not licensed to sell alcohol, the authority's chairman, Mr Anthony Gazzara; intends enforcing a longignored law forbidding diners from doing so. "I will bring my own wine in a brown paper bag," Mr Koch said.

# **US-China** pact

Peking (AFP)-China and the United States initialled a new tax treaty which was hailed by Mr Donald Regan as a "new level of sophistication" in economic cooperation. Mr Regan, the US treasury secretary is visiting China. The treaty will be signed by President Reagan here next month.

# Kidnap foiled

Tokyo (AP) - The president of a big Japanese confectionery company, Mr Katsuhisa Ezaki, abducted from his home on Sunday night by three masked men who demanded Ibn yen (£3m) in ransom, escaped unharmed.

### Crew charged

Messina (AP) - Crew mempers of the London registered ship Viking, seized off Sicily on Saturday, were arrested yesterday on smuggling charges. Police said 27 submachine guns and 3,500 artillery shells had been found on board.

# Killer shower

Harare (AFP) - A municipal worker sent to cut off power at a house in Gweru clipped the wrong wire, making the water pipes live. The occupant, defaulting on payments took a shower and was killed.

# Correction

The Victoria Day holiday is not Canada's national day, as stated on March 12 National day is July 1.



The wheel of fortune has again swung in Mr Mon-Walter dale's direction. much-His needed victory

over Senator Gary Hart in the lilinois primary on Tuesday has not only restored to his presidential campaign some of the momentum lost by his early defeats at the hands of his upstart rival, but has also shown that old style coalitionbuilding is still an essential part of Democratic politics.

The former Vice-President has regained the position of front runner as the see-sawing race for the Democratic Party nomination heads towards the next key primaries in Connecti-cut on March 27, New York on April 3 and Pennsylvania on

Mr Hart, who squandered an carlier lead in the opinion polls with a series of campaign blunders in Illinios, has now been placed in the unenviable position of having to win at least one of the next set of primaries to regain momentum.

If he loses all three, it would be extremely difficult for him to regain the lead, particularly as Mr Mondale has won the support of almost twice as many of the delegates who will attend the party's nominating conven-tion in San Francisco this

However, the Rev Jesse Jackson, who achieved a tactical victory by running very strongly among Chicago blacks, could still help to tilt the

balance either way.

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The only way it will be a two- 97 to Senator Hart's 39 way race is if Mondale or Hart

Mr Jackson won more than 70 per cent of the black vote but fared badly among whites and Hispanics. His success among blacks was largely at Mr Mondale's expense. If he had not been in the race Mr Mondale's defeat of Senator Hart would have been a rout.

But both Mr Mondale and Mr Jackson were helped by a heavy turn-out in Chicago, the result of squabbling between the city's black Mayor and his white political rivals, who were also locked in crucial electoral contests on Tuesday.

Mr Mondale won the Illinois primary the old fashioned way by piling up a big margin in white working-class areas of Chicago, and then performing better than expected in the suberbs and down state He also won a majority of the Hispanic vote and held on to those blacks who were not mesmorized by Mr Jackson's vision of a "rainbow coalition".

With all but a few ballots counted. Mr Mondale had won 41 per cent of the total to Mr Harts 36 per cent and Mr Jackson's 20 per cent. Illinois was Mr Mondale's third consecutive win in the Mid-West. He had already won caucuses in lowa and Michigan.

Mr Mondale also established a big early lead in the caucuses in his neighbouring home state of Minnesota on Tuesday. The full Minnesota tally will not be known until next week.

Although his win against Mr Hart in Illinois was relatively

According to ABC news the a total of 648 delegates who will back his nomination at San Francisco, compared with 342 for Mr Hart and 57 for Mr

There are also more than 300 uncommitted delegates who could swing either way.

Conceding defeat Mr Hart' attributed his loss to the heavy support Mr Mondale got from organized labour and the Democratic "ma-

Mr Hart has reason to be pleased with his own perform-ance, given that he had come from nowhere to a strong second placing in less than four weeks. "We've been transformed from 'Mom and Pop' campaign to a national chain, he said. "That's a tremendous achievement "

The Illinois result has shown that the Colorado scnator can attract widespread support in a heavily populated, industria-lized Mid-Western state. But it also showed that "new ideas" and an army of enthusiastic young supporters cannot compensate for the sort of organiza-tion which Mr Mondale has established over the past three

As one Mondale supporter waspishly commented: The bloom is finally off this particular rose. Illinois has shown that many voters are concerned about Hart's policies and his personality."

A beaming Mr Mondale told supporters that "Illinois has been a good win for us. But "This is a three-way race all narrow, he performed more we've got a long, tough road the way to the convention," he strongly in the election of ahead of us. Probably right told celebrating supporters.

# Green Berets turn up in Honduras

From Alan Tomlinson, Tegucigalpa

licized parachute exercises to coincide with the presidential elections in neighbouring El

British SAS, from Southern troops involved.
Command headquarters near Reports from Panama of the Panama Canal.

2,500 troops moving to Hondu-

their rapid deployment capacity in support of the Honduran Army. Similar manocuvres are border were clearly concerned to continue until the end of next at what they regard as a new month when there is a second round of voting in El Salvador. American officials in Hondu-

offering journalists no facilities civil war were in hand.

US troops from Panama have to observe them as they have arrived in Honduras for unpub- done in the past.

When news of the exercises was first leaked in Washington. Pentagon sources said their objective was to put pressure on An Honduran military the anti-government guerrillar the arrival of an unspecified number, believed to be a battalion of Special Forces personnel, the American equivalent of the the numbers of United States

The Green Berets, as they are ras and reports from Salvado-known, are understood to have rean rebel radio stations of already carried out at least one United States forces mobilizing parachute exercise north of the on the border appear to be

Salvadorean guerrillas spoke to on the other side of the threat. They would say nothing about what they were doing to meet it, other than to confirm ras are saying nothing about that contingency plans against these manoeuvres and are direct US intervention in the

# Joint peace formula for Athens meeting

From Mario Modiano, Athens

The United States, as well as Plan is expected to be revived at France – on behalf of the European Community – are both expected to put forward proposals on peaceful settlement of international disputes at the European Security and Cooperation Conference, which opened in Athens yesterday.

The meeting, which brings together 120 jutists and diplomats from 35 countries of Eastern and Western Europe, as well as the United States and Canada, is a sequel to the one held at Montreux in 1978 on the basis of the Helsinki Final Act. That meeting had considered a proposal by Switzerland, but ended inconclusively. The Swiss

Addressing the opening session, Mr Yiannis Kapsis, the Greek Foreign Under-Secretary. re-affirmed Greece's adherence to the principle of peaceable settlement of disputes, and condemned "firmly and resolutely" any recourse to the threat

He urged delegates not to lose force by even the smallest nation might lead to confron-tations the consequence of which could defy inagination. considering the rapid develop-

# Mounting tensions in Central America



# El Salvador's eternal optimist

But Sezior Duarte's political

President, the first civilian to

During the 16 months that

Señor Duarte headed the junta,

the few token reforms he managed to push through were

made irrelevant by thousands of political killings and an intensification of the civil war.

Nevertheless, it was a measure of the political options

available in the 1982 constitu-

ent assembly election, 2s it is now, that Senor Duarte was the

only serious contender offering

both reform and a peaceful resolution of the country's

On that platform the Chris-

tian Democrats won the 1982

elections, with 40 per cent of

the vote, but lost power to a

right-wing coalition led by Major Roberto d'Aubuisson.

who became President of the

say he was made powerless by the military during the calami-tous 16 months he held office.

different," the Christian Demo-

crat secretary, General José

Señor Duarte's apologists

"When he wins now it will be

hold the post in 50 years.

From John Carlin, San Salvador of a guerrilla force now numbering more than 10,000.

Senor Napoleon Duarte is the man everyone has to beat in Sanday's presidential election. He personifies the majority among Salvadorean voters which apparently persists in the hope, despite set backs that dream - some would say his personal ambition - got the better of his resentment. He returned to El Salvador in 1979, joined the military-civilian junta in March 1980 hange is possible without full scale civil war. and in November of that year became the country's de facto

In the 1972 election, Senor Duarte, a Christian Democrat, won a sizable victory, but was defrauded of the presidency. Arturo Armando Molina Bar-raza was imposed as President and Senor Duarte was arrested, beaten and tortured by the army. He was freed after a short time and forced into seven years' exile in Venezuela.

His political platform was the same in 1972 as it is now. He sought, and seeks, fundamental change in a society he considers to be grossly unjust, the history of which is one of division, as he puts it, "between those who have had all and those who have had nothing".

The guerrilla movement locked in a four-and-a-half year war against the Americanbacked government, was born immediatley after and as a direct response to, the fraudulent elections of 1972.

Days after Señor Duarte arrested, two young men with pistols shot dead two National Guardsmen, seized their rifles and set off a chain of events which, nourished by poitical disillusion and government atrocities, led to the formation

times: it's become more apolitical and, anyway, Duarte will become the armed forces' Commander-in-Chief." This probably wishful solu-

tion is favoured by the leaders of El Salvador's 500,000 members trade union organization the Popular Democratic Union. It has signed a "social pact" with Senor Duarte, whereby he guarantees mem-bers top positions in a future government. In exchange, they have been campaigning for the Christian Democrats, urging members to go to Duarte

November 23, 1925. he has been in politics for 23 years. He was elected Mayor of San Salvador on three consecutive occasions from 1964 to 1970 won popularity for his

Morales Erlich, says. "The Army has moved with the

"I want to be president of the poor," he said at a raily. "I want to be the country's first elected civilian president. I want to be the president of

He wants "perotiations with sting he may bold peace talks with the guerrillas if he wins power. Such a stance terrifies the right that he will bow to such "communist" demands as a cleansing of the army and the carrying out of

# Soviet ship mined by CIA-backed commandos

From Martha Honey San José, Costa Rica

A special anti-sandinista commando unit. trained and equipped by the CIA and operating out of El Salvador, has been responsible for mining Nicaragua's main ports. A Soviet tanker which was damaged on Tuesday by a mine explosion in Puerto Sandino became the fifth ship damaged in the last month in Nicaragua's three main ports.

According to sources within the Democratic Revolutionary Alliance (Arde), "a special commando unit directed by an American" carried out the mining of the Nicaraguan ports Sandino, Corinto and El

The sources said that the Salvadorean Government provided facilities and imported the equipment, including boats and mines, for the operation. According to one Arde official hese are not the sort of things we can buy on the black market so we had to get them through a

legitimate government". Señor Alfonso Robelo, one of Arde's directors and the organization's chief contact with the CIA, has for several months had guerrillas operating out of a base on the gulf of Fonseca, in El Salvador, near the border with Honduras, the Arde sources added. It seems likely that the Arde commandos who carried out the mining were trained and launched from this

Last year Arde, which uses Costa Rica as its rear base and fights mainly in southern Nicaragua, carried out a series of aerial bombardments against Nicaragua's international air port and the port of Corinto. According to Arde sources the light planes used in the attacks were outfitted and departed from Ilopango Air Force base, outside San Salvador. The raids were directed by the CIA.

Last month the Honduras based Nicaraguan Democratic Force (FDN) claimed responsibility for two aerial attacks against Nicaraguan communications centre. The New York Times quoted US officials as saying that the attack was permitted by the CIA and originated from Ilopango.

The CIA has been pressing Arde and the FDN to coordi nate their operations, but so far no accord has been reached. Arde has 'a small unit in Honduras, but Arde sources say that last month FDN leaders. wanting to keep Honduras exclusively for their operations. ordered the Hondurans to arrest 10 Arde commanders and disarm the 70 guerillas. Since then no further unity talks have

Arde sources say they have also been under CIA pressure to disrupt Nicaragua's imports of military equipment, oil and other supplies. At one point several months ago the CIA cut off funding to Arde after its commander, Señor Edén Pastora, baulked at carrying out one CIA-designed operation to stop arms shipments through El

The sources say the CIA funding has now been resumed, MOSCOW:The Russians yesterday reacted angrily to the damaging of the Soviet tanker in Nicaragua, delivering a protest to the US Embassy (Richard Owen writes).

Tass quoted the Nicaraguan Foreign Ministry as pinning the blame for the explosion, in which five Soviet seamen were injured, on "mercenaries in the service of the United States". It said that, despite injuries to the tanker crew and a hole torn in the ship's side, the tanker's oi had been discharged normally. The hole had been patched up.

The "criminal attack" on the Lugansk was one of several "subversive acts" carried out by bandits supporting the former Somoza dictatorship, and was part of an American attempt to blockade Nicaragua, Tass side.



Geoffrey Smith

Mr Waiter Mondale has a very necessary victory in the Illinois primary. He needed to Hart's campaign before it could gain any further momentum, and it would have been a blow. to him if he could not win is such a state as Illinois. 🔆 🥱 It is the largest state to have held its primary so far the year. And it is one which is

peculiarly suited to his political strengths, with a large min highly organized trade union movement and a strong party organization. If the endorse ment of the trade unions and the support of the party regulars could not be decisive in Illinois, where could they be? But Mr Mondale may baye

done more than simply achieve the success required of him in this primary. Senator Hart's campaign depends on maintaining the pace of his assault. It has been fascinating these last few days in Chicago to see the contrast between the Mondale and Hart beadquarters.

The Mondaie camp was quieter and calmer. There were the signs of careful preparation. In the Hart rooms all was bustle and confusion. Young people in their early 20s were learning their responsi-bilities as they went along, with an engaging, open frankness about their inexperience. The whole effort was put together at the last minute

Senator Hart's appeal to the voters also depends upon the sense of excitement that his campaign has conveyed, sweep-ing them along in its headloug rush. Where Mr Mondale has offered experience, Senator Hart has had momentum. He has been a political hangglider, soaring into the sky without evident means of support. But destroy the confidence, puncture the enthusiasm, lose the momentum and the Hart campaign might subside as suddenly as it rose

All political campaigns thrive campaign depends on it to an unusual degree. It was born of success. Before it succeeded. relatively in Iowa and absol-utely in New Hampshire, most Americans were barely aware

the rebuff in Illinois will have taken the edge off Senator Hart's challenge in the key primaries that are coming up in New York and Pennsylvania.

His campaign faces a critical psychological test. He badly needs another victory quickly, not only for psychological reasons but also because of the complexity of the nominating process in the Democratic Party. There were two separate votes in the Illinois presidential primary. The one that has attracted most attention is what is known as the beauty contest: the preference expressed by delegates across the state as to who the Democratic candidate should be. The other was the election, district by district, of delegates to the convention in San Francisco in July.

Because of his superior organization, Mr Mondale has been doing much better in the struggle for delegates than in the beauty contests. Even before Illinois went to the polls on Tuesday he had a lead of more than 200 among the thousand delegates who had been chosen by them.

This relative advantage in the collection of delegates can be expected to continue because no more than 60 per cent of them will be chosen by means open to all Democratic voters in primaries or caucuses. The remainder will be party and elected officials, or delegates at large, selected by state party committees, with whom Mr Mondale has much closer connexions than Senator Hart.

This does not mean that Mr Mondale can be confident of the nomination whatever happens in the remaining primaries. Delegate commitments are not legally binding and the party would not thwart a clear preference among the voters. But it does mean that Mr Mondale would be better placed in a close fight and that Senator Hart needs a clear lead in the primaries in order to shake loose the delegates committed or inclining towards

Mr Mondale. So Illinois has offered Mr Mondale a double hope. It may have deflated the Hart campaign. If not, it has made it more likely that the contest will be close all the way to San

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# Rebels reverse poll tactics

From Our Correspondent, San Salvador

Salvador just three days away, suggesting a lack of cohesion in the rebel high command. What is clear, though, is that, contrary to their previously stated intentions, the guerillas are

disrupting the electoral process. Yesterday the Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front (FMLN), and its political wing, the Revolutionary Democratic Front (FDR), released a document in San Salvador in which they said: "In the areas under the control of the FMLN and in areas in dispute the word sight of the fact that recourse to to the population is: "Don't

> This overturns stated rebel policy since the beginning of the year. As early as last week the mayor and citizens of the rebelcontrolled northern town of La

The guerillas are putting out Palma, for example, were fully cannot legally vote in El confusing signals with the convinced that the guerrillas Salvador. Furthermore, it is presidential elections in El would let them vote.

Now it appears that there will be no voting in La Palma and the other 69 municipalities out of a national total of 261 which

the rebels say they control. What is confusing about the rebels' intentions, however, is that they are urging people in the government-controlled majority of the country to go out and vote if they are forced to do so, as otherwise they might feel that their safety is

While evidently aware of the kind of pressures being put on people to vote, the guerrillas are currently intensifying the cam-paign, begun on Saturday, of taking thousands of identity cards away from people in various parts of the country. Without identity cards one

"If the Army stops me and I don't have my identity card, they'll pull me aside and shoot me", said a man on the Pan-American Highway last weekend, expressing a widely-felt fear among a crowd of hundreds just robbed of their cards by guerrillas.

The FMLN-FDR insist on saying that they do not consider the electoral process "a military objective". But, besides taking away identity cards at gunpoint, they are threatening to burn vehicles they see on main roads in the east of the country. Traffic, as a result has slowed

down to a trickle there. The guerrillas clearly intend to limit the flow of traffic severely to hamper the smooth running of the elections.

# Bullock carts amid space technology From Michael Hamlyn, Sriharikota Island, India

ral and the similarities are striking. Both are narrow spits of land off the south-east coast of their respective land massed, separated from the mainland by a body of water crossed by a long causeway. The terrain is flat and marshy, the weather is hot and humid, subject to tropical storms. In place of the Florida alligators there are

south Indian cobras and kraits. At the John F. Kennedy Space Centre in Forida, however, the scale of the structures and the scope of the ideas are immense. So is the expenditure of money. At the Shar Centre in Amdhra Pradesh, 100 miles north of Madras, the scale is small. The Largest rocket that has ever been launched there was 74ft long. The total cash spent in the Indian space programme since its enception

in 1962 has been around £350m. No launches are planned for this year.

Though the annual expenditure is increasing - it is now at around £65m a year - it represents only about a quarter of what Britain or Japan spend on space, and about a tenth of what France spends. But the commitment to space is strong.

"We believe very firmly that

to country can afford to ignore

This is India's Cape Canavehigh technology, says Proal and the similarities are fessor Udipi Rao, director of launch vehicles were being triking. Both are narrow spits the Indian Space Research developed, relied on facilities launching of a manner of land off the south-east coast Organization's satellite centre.

This is India's Cape Canavehigh technology, says Proprogramme, while the satellite much farther into space.
No one has yet proportion developed, relied on facilities launching of a manner of land off the south-east coast Organization's satellite centre. But the Indians are deter-

into our programmes if we are 1981. Also in 1981 the Euro-

fessor Rao insists. Accordingly, the Honini series of sounding rockets used to examine the upper atmosphere for meteorological re-search, and the series of satellite launch vehicles that are to put Indian satellites into orbit, are developed in India by Indian scientists and engineers. The computers that record, control and communicate with the satellites are largely Indian made: the radar and radio systems are likewise mostly

The aims of the space programme include as well as meteorology the improvement of communications and the use of remote-sensing techniques which will enable the country to study, explore and better use the sub-continent's resources. The early part of the space The Soviet Academy of

mined not simply to import Sciences launched the first black boxes from more devel- Indian satellite called Aryabhaoped countries: they are anxious ta, after a famous mathemato develop their own tech-tician, in 1975. The Russians again launched earth obser-Self-reliance has to be built vation satellites in 1979 and to use high technology for the pean Space Agency launched an benefit of our people," Pro- experimental geostationary communications satellite for the

> In 1982 and again last year an Indian-designed satellite pro-viding multichannel telecommunication links was built in the United States and launched by the space shuttle.

The Indian Satellite Launch Vehicle (SLV) put its first 35kg satellite into a near-earth elliptical orbit in 1980. An augmented SLV will put up a 150kg satellite in a year or so. The polar SLV will increase the weight thrown into orbit over the Poles - essential for remotesensing devices - to 1,000kg by

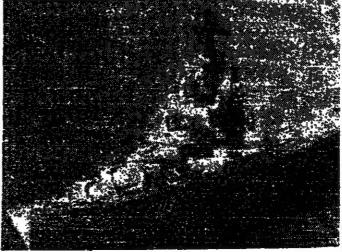
That is as far as hard-and-fast plans now go. For the nineties the next logical step would be to develop the capability of launching geostationary satel-lites, which have to be hurled

No one has yet proposed the craft, although India's first man in space will arrive there next month by courtesy of the Soviet

On April 3 the Russians will take an Indian cosmonaut as part of the crew of the Salyut space station. Among the experiments he will conduct will be one which is particularly Indian: he will try to find out whether yogic exercises have an effect on body fluid distribution while in space,

The indigenous Indian influence in space comes in unexpected places. In the satellite centre outside Bangalore in Karnataka, a goldcoloured altar stands next to the thermo-vacuum chamber used for testing satellite performances in simulated space. The altar is dedicated to Saraswati, the goddess of wisdom. And when the satellite centre

scientists were looking for a non-conductive platform to transport one of their products they found indigenous tech-nology ideal: they used a bullock cart. "It was the cheapest possible way", said Professor Rao. "All we had to do was feed the bullock for a



Tropical cruise for the Leningrad

# US plane buzzes Russian carrier in Caribbean

Jacksonville, Florida (AP) - tographers took pictures of the A Soviet helicopter carrier and an advanced guided-missile the 8,000-ton, guided-missile destroyer steamed toward Cuba destroyer Udaloy and followed on Tuesday in what the by a cargo-oiler vessel, the Ivan Pentagon said was a show of Bubnov, 600 miles cast of concern over the Caribbean. carrier Leningrad waved at a Bahamas. US Navy submarine surveil-

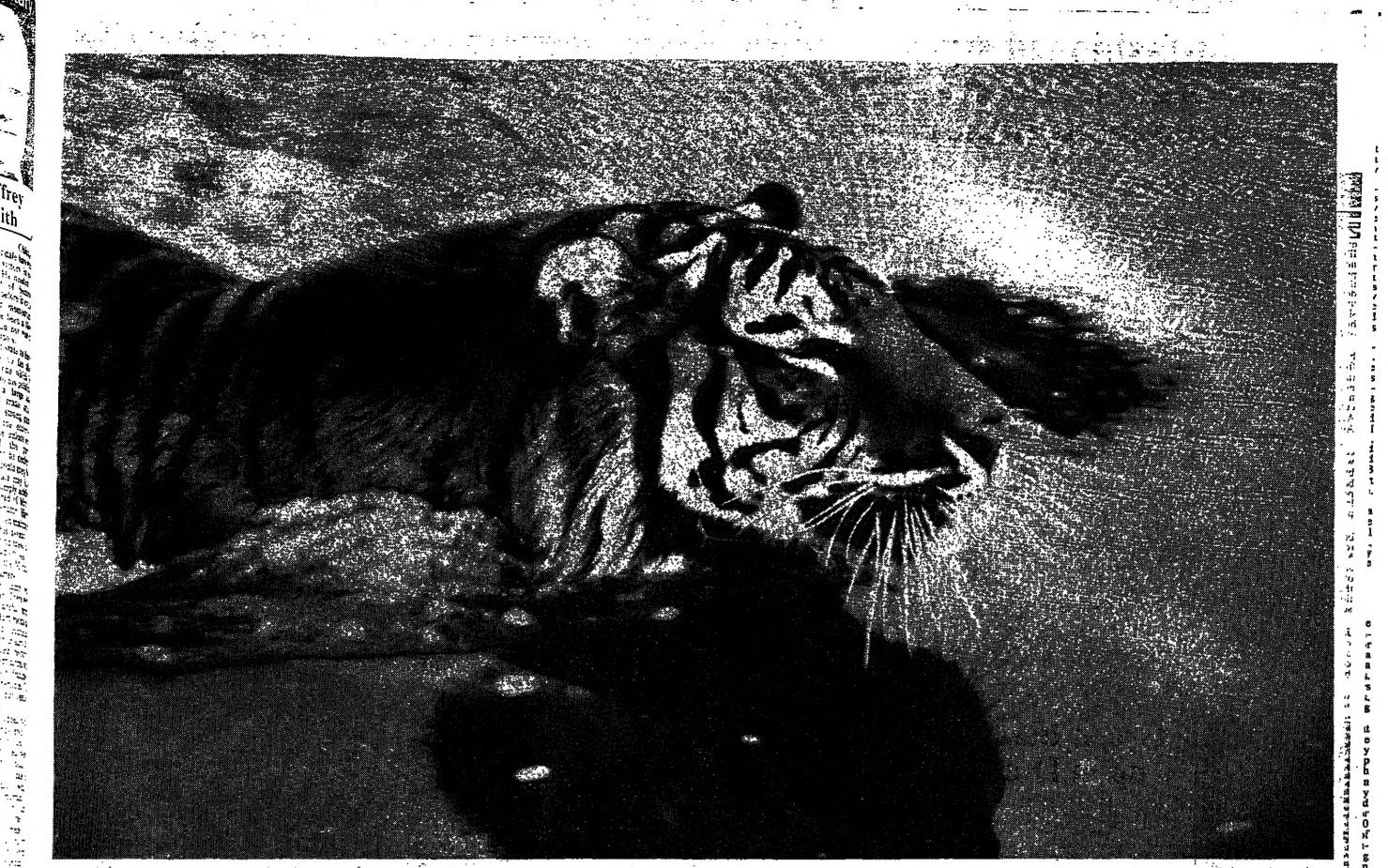
Bubnov, 600 miles cast of Florida and 117 miles north-Soviet crew on board the east of Grand Turk Island in the The Leningrad, is the biggest lance plane carrying reporters as Soviet ship to operate in the it passed about a dozen times Caribbean since Moscow began within 1,000 feet of the ship sending naval units on periodic vithin 1,000 feet of the ship sending naval units on periodic Civilian and military pho- visits to the region in 1969.

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# **SPECTRUM**

# First knight of the theatre

# The Times Profile: Sir John Gielgud at 80

Buckinghamshire Hunched on the sill above him is the Oscar he won for his view. "All my life I've wanted to lie in

my bath and see the sky. But now the Oscar's there. I don't really mind it, but I think that the giving of awards is terribly invidious. I dislike the assumption that some people are better than others. I hate being put up against my contemporaries. All those terrible arguments! All those questions! What do you think of Olivier and what does do you think of Olivier and what does he think of you? It's all such rubbish."

Gielgud at 80 - his birthday falls on April 14 - has the pink, unfurrowed face of a wise child. Baldness apart (his scalp seems to flow from the tip of his nose to the nape of his neck) he still resembles the boyhood photograph that shows him swathed in a toga as Mark Antony in a production of Julius Caesar at Hillside School, Godalming. Then as now he displays the classic matince idol's profile which has steered him through sixty-odd years in the theatre, an extraordinary span which runs from The Insect Play in 1923 in which Gielgud appeared as The Poet Butterfly ("We were frightfully light-minded creatures having fully light-minded creatures, having affairs. drinking cocktails and so on") to the bleakness of Pinter's No Man's Land in which he starred with Ralph Richardson in the late 1970s.

He shows few signs of wear and tear. He treads warily, an old response perhaps to the complaint of his first drama teacher - the acerbic Lady Constance Benson - who told him that he walked like a cat with rickets. But his back is ramrod straight.

He sleeps well and he has a good appetite, salting each mouthful with gossip as genial as it is indiscreet. There's no malice in the man. "He simply talks faster than he can censor," suggests his friend, the actress Irene

Ronald Harwood, the author of a Gielgud biography, recalls how only one of 26 people he consulted in a first round of research into the actor's life was remotely hostile. "He's held in great general affection", says Alan Bennett who acted with Gielgud in his own play, Forty Years On. Peggy Ashcroft said: "His charm and charisma have never flagged and who knows what he may have up his sleeve where I had a lover.

with Gielgud the question of retire- gone." ment is unthinkable. Acting is his life. Work, what ever form it takes - from Shakespeare to Coward, from Albee to an instalment of Tales of the Unexpected - is what keeps his heart pumping. When we met for lunch it was at a restaurant whose wine list hails mainly from California. "Excellent stuff", pronounced Gielgud. "I've been making TV commercials for them for the past three years. There's a clause in the contract which says they can't be shown here. But they're filmed in London and they've flown over all sorts of actors, even an entire baseball team to appear with me." Also, he adds, they pay him a great deal of money. It is an aside he frequently makes, often with surprise and always with a kind of glee.

In fact, Gielgud is keenly aware of the lustre his name lends to any product or production, however unlikely. "I was recently offered an enormous sum to play in a film called

editating in his bath this because it would have been nice to spring morning. Sir John have had the money. But the next time the I heard from them the figure had sky, somehow been reduced by half, so I said no.

"I'm in two minds about doing this performance as Dudley Moore's tart- sort of thing. Arthur was an extraorditongued butler in the film Arthur. It nary success and gave me a new, young stands there by right; the bathroom is public which had never seen me on the where Gielgud keeps all his trophies. stage. But then I made another film of But it does not altogether enhance the the same kind called Scandals which was a terrific flop in America, a total disaster. If you play too many cameos people begin to think you're in every film that comes up and they get sick of you. I would like to do just really good parts. And yet cameos are so much less of a responsibility. I've only been really proud of two things I've done in the last few years. One was Providence, the film I made with Alan Resnais and the other was Brideshead. It was a small part, but effective."

Gielgud's belated attention to his earnings began when his accountant died and he learned that, because of muddled book-keeping, he owed £70,000 in back taxes. Unlike many of his contemporaries he had either been disallowed or was disinclined to invest in show business ventures (commercial television is one that he mentions with regret) and there was a pressing need to haul himself out of the red. Now the emergency is over, but the habit of work remains. "It really is my life", he says. "I'm paid to go and perform in wonderful places all over the world. What could be better? I don't even need to take holidays any more."

### 'I find London so disagreeable now . . . the romance has gone'

His life changed significantly in 1974 when he decided to move to the country. "I don't quite know what made me do it. I just felt so disillusioned with London. I'd never really lived in the country before, although I had a weekend cottage in Essex before the war, and I thought it would be good for me to try. The house I wanted to buy was rather grand – it's seventeenth century, with quite a large garden – and I couldn't afford a place in town as well. So I simply sold up and moved. The truth is that I find London so disagreeable now. It's full of ghosts. Every street I walk down is where someone I knew lived or died or

"And every place I knew has either There are few octogenarians who are been torn down or rebuilt. It used to be so manifestly still a going concern, but so romantic and now the romance has

In the old days, he says, his socializing was prodigious. "I was a keen dancer. We used to go and foxtrot at all those little clubs. Fabia Drake, one of those wonderful old girls in the Jewel in the Crown, was my partner. But I never took any lessons. I just used to look at myself in the glass all the time. I thought I was awfully good." He also dined out a great deal. But now, he says, when he's not working he stays at home. "I have an enormous range of acquaintances, but very few intimate friends; twelve at the most. I see them if I want to. But I shun parties. I shun gatherings and public dinners, all that stuff I used to enjoy so much".

In Buckinghamshire he shares his house with a companion. "He's a very handy chap who arranges things like decorating and so on. I could never live entirely alone. I don't look for any kind of social life. I just walk around, pick up a few weeds and light bonfires.



for living in the country. I can't drive a car. I can't shoot, or fish, or play cards. I have no inclination to ride (Gielgud's distaste for horses began when one fell on him during the filming of Julius Caesar). I don't think you could

His impracticality is far-reaching. John Mortimer tells how he and his wife went to dinner at a house where Gielgud was a guest. Their young daughter had been put to sleep in a spare bedroom and creeping out with her in a carry-cot they met Gielgud who peered under the pink plastic hood and enquired: "Why on earth do you bring your baby with you? Is it because you're afraid of burglars?"

He has never wanted children of his own. "Funnily enough, I don't miss them. I suppose I dread the responsibility of having them.

"But I know that some people respond magnificently. I remember at the memorial service for Ingrid Bergman, how Josh Ackland came along and read something. And he was on his way to his son's funeral. That was quite marvellous."

He's lucky, he says, to have been born with a happy disposition. "Of course I have fits of gloom occasionally, chiefly about the illness or the deaths of friends. And because I have become such an addict of TV I watch

aware of the miseries of the world. I used to rise above all that. Even in two world wars I was so busy all the time that I wasn't really aware of the way people had to live. I'm not really much Somebody Up There who knows what's going on. People tell me that faith is essential and I've always been surprised that I've been able to do without it. I had one terrific crisis in my life and I thought, well, I suppose I should either pray or commit suicide. But in the end I didn't do either."

### 'I hate being put up against my contemporaries. It's such rubbish'

Not many people say no to Gielgud. He is a superb director who asks and usually gets remarkable results from his casts, not by laying down the law but by peppering everyone within reach with a fine buckshot of hints and hopes. "Harley Granville Barker was the director I most admired. He had absolute authority, like Toscanini. But my style has always been suggestion. I don't do my homework very well. I rush in where angels fear to tread.

"But I think I made my rehearsals

quite amusing, just as Tyrone Guthrie did. The stunt that some directors have now of coming to do exercises and play games with you to know you better wastes an awful lot of time."

Among modern directors, Gielgud most admires Peter Brook: "He's a real genius. And Lindsay Anderson is immensely talented, too. But I'm not very happy working at the National. The atmosphere's cold, like an air-

Gielgud's working friendships have survived even a sustained downfall of the bricks he's famous for dropping. There was the time when he was directing a production of The Trojans ("I don't read music, but I have a very good ear") and found difficulty both in starting and stopping the orchestra and chorus. Unable to hear the counsel of some colleague he rushed towards the expensive operatic babel shouting: "Stop! Stop! Oh do stop that dreadful

On another occasion when Emlyn Williams was performing his one-man Dylan Thomas show he asked Gielgud whether he had ever considered doing a similar Shakespearean anthology. "Oh, I don't know", said Gielgud, blithely disregarding the implications. "I think one should keep those oneman shows for one's old age.'

He describes a meeting with John Christie, the founder of Glyndebourne, during which the great man flung himself on to a couch to listen to Malcolm Sargent playing the piano. "He kicked off his shoes and two enormous Dr Scholl supports flew across the room."

Even more incongruously he remembers an Edinburgh Festival at which Ono Klemperer, a frail and supposedly puritanical old man, was found to be missing when a taxi called to take him to his concert at the Usher of a Christian. I just suppose there's Hall. "The city was combed to find him and he was discovered sitting on a shooting stick outside a girl's school

> over the door. Apparently, he thought it was a brothel." He regrets that he was not invited to play the name part in the forthcoming TV film of Graham Greene's Dr Fischer of Geneva ("Although I'm certain that James Mason will be wonderful"). And he would dearly love to make a film of The Tempest with himself as the definitive Prospero: "It's one thing I would like to leave behind, as it were."

which, for some reason, had a red light

His birthday celebrations are largely in the hands of others. The Garrick will be giving him a party and a starry collection of friends and colleagues have contributed to a book called The Ages of Gielgud which Hodder & Stoughton are publishing as a birthday tribute. "It's a little embarrassing" murmurs Gielgud, "But, on the other hand, it's pleasant to have nice things said about you while you are still alive." He can't imagine who'll buy the thing, but he hopes the publishers won't lose. "It would be nice", says Sir John, "if they made a few bob out of

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moreover... Miles Kington

# Packaging for a president

"I'm switching to Hart from Mondale, I think Hart has got more electability."

Thus a Democrat voter last week But what did he mean by "electability"?

He meant, I think, that Hart had more chance of winning than Mondale. If Hart were the Democratic candidate, he would get more votes than Mondale would, and perhaps even than Reagan would. To put it another way, Hart seems the

better product. His packaging and image are more likely to appeal to the consumer, especially those who wish to switch to another brand, having tried Reagan for four years and not got the results they The advantages of this are obvious, if Gary Hart is really the man most likely to

win, then it's worth putting him forward as candidate; in eight months' time he may well turn out to be the presidential runner preferred by most voters.

The disadvantages are equally obvious: America would then have to put up with Gary Hart as president for four years.

The great flaw in the American presidential electoral system is that the man with most electability also has to be the man with most power, and the one does not necessarily lead to the other. All that an American election proves is who is the best

It says nothing about who is the best president. There is no guarantee whatso-ever that a good candidate will make a

If anything, the evidence points the other way. A good candidate is one who grows more and more popular until the day he wins. A good president grows less and less popular until the day he losses power. A good president must do what he thinks right. A good candidate must say what he thinks will go down well.

A good candidate does not have to win one vote from a non-American. A good president has to win the trust and respect of the rest of the world. A candidate has to make promises: a president has to explain why he cannot make promises. A candidate is a good advertising campaign; a president is a product which has gone through four years of Which? magazine tests.

The conclusion is inescapable. The winning candidate should not become

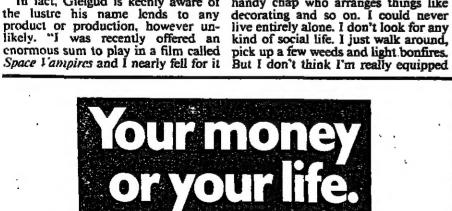
This presents certain problems, notably insofar as the winning candidate may feel that after so much work he should reap-some reward. And one solution might be that the successful candidate, instead of entering the White House, should nominate the man to be next president, on condition he did not name a relation or close friend. This could pave the way to thepresidency of someone like Teddy Kennedy, who otherwise does not have electability.

Alteratively, the candidate could by given some experience of power before election, to see how he would make out as a president. Presidents don't get much done in election year. They are too worried candidates a month or two each running the country in the election run-up, to see how they react to the stress of office? It may be possible to arrange with the Russians to provide a small nuclear crisis for each man.

This new approach also alters the whole concept of the identity of the first lady. Until now it has been assumed that she will be married to the president, whereas it, seems highly unlikely that the man best-fitted to the White House will bring a wife. who is also the best suited. Much better, surely, to have her nominated separately, or even voted for in separate elections, so that the decor of the White House and the nature of its dinner parties could have been put to the electorate beforehand.

And if being president involves considerable unpopularity and pressure from the majority, as it surely does, then there is also the not totally far-fetched idea of putting into the White House the man who came second in the presidential election:

All these ideas bear thinking about If nothing else, they are more fun than following the election in its present form.



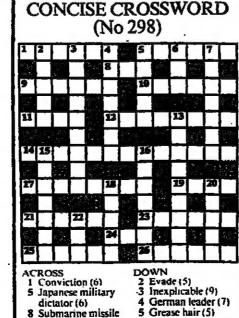
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# **BOOKS**

# A. S. Byatt and Stuart Evans review fiction

# Academic and other Romances

Small World By David Lodge

(Secker & Warburg, £8.95) Also Merlin made the Round Table in tokening of the roundness of the world . . for all the world. Christian and heathen, repair to the Round Table". (Malory). In Small World a host of rinerant academics repairs to the international conference tables, flying from Tokyo to Zurich,
Jerusalem to California to
Honolulu, discussing Joyce,
Hardy and semiotics, jousting
over rival critical theories, looking for love or release or renown, all the things human beings have perennially looked for, Marshall McLuhan announced to us that we now live in a Global Village, and Lodge's small world, with its satellite communications, its translations of books and professors from one culture to another, is a shrewd and hilarious paradigm

Philip Swallow and Morris Zapp, the exchanging professors of Changing Places reappear, as do other academics from that book. The young hero, Persse McGarrigle is an Irish poet and academic who falls in love with the delightful literary theorist, Angelica Pabst, pursuing her round the globe with the aid of a literary prize and an American Express Card rather than a hippogriff, always just missing her, or glimpsing and losing her, as happens in the best Romances. ancient or modern. Persse is Sir Percival and also Perseus, seeking to release Andromeda from chains, Angelica is Arios-to's vanishing heroine, but also one of the miraculously born

Something Out

By Christopher

By Nadine Gordimer

The Tenth Crusade

(Hodder & Stoughton, £7.95)

Some creature — an ape, a baboon, a large wild dog or animal, it might even be a man — is glimpsed by disparate residents in the prosperous

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Hyde

(Cape. £8.50)

Queene, the chaste Belphoebe, the loving Amoret. She has breasts described with lines from Keats and Coleridge or deployed on sleazy placards: she is seen in strip clubs and red.

I have been puzzled by some light districts as well as in

solem gatherings, to the anguish of the virginal Persse. Other characters are double or doubled. Philip Swallow deceives his wife Hilary for a woman with the same name, Joy, and the same blue dressing gown. There is more than one P. McGarrigle. There are other analogues of an older world. A rich Marxist

Italian enchantress called Ful-via Morgana gets her nails into Morris Zapp and chains him up. There is a Girton lady don, Miss Sybil Maiden, pupil of Jessie Weston (From Ritual to Romance) who manifests her-self in Rummidge, Zurich, Honolulu and Delphi, where she utters a mysterious prophecy from a shooting stick.

would be more than usually unfair to reveal any details of the ingenious and proliferate plotting. There is a new coincidence, a new diappointment, a new coincidence debales. over every page. It is possible to comment on the local delights of the prose, the contrast between the polyglot chatter of the global village and the archetypes of High Romance. Consider 'Durex, Farex and Exlax' which can sound like medieval amulets or swords, essential props of the English novel or examples of the linguistic theory that words are differentiated by sound, not referential meaning.

The novel deploys - wittily,

fear that there is something out

reactions of those it visits

gives an ominous symbolic

impact to the presence of the

mysterious alien creature which

threatens (however fleetingly)

Naturally a number of stories

predicaments - in black nations

as well as in the dominant

human values against the wider

social and political background. Three of the most memorable

pieces concern letters: a brilliantly imagined reply from the grave by Kafka's father to his

son's posthumous complaint,

which for some readers will

seem as illuminating as criti-

chilling outcome of a com-passionate interchange of mail

the complacency of a society trying hard to ignore its own

apathy and guilt.

twin heroines of the Farrie succincily, so that no reader will

I have been puzzled by some of the more extreme current critical disquisitions on "de-sire" in a text. Barthes calls the text a fetish, and moreover "a fetish that desires me". (Part of the meaning of this is that the writer desires the unknown reader to complete him as the reader desires contact with the unknown writer). David Lodge's academic Romance is cognisant of this pervasive use of the word, and his fleeing women and vanishing mirages of satisfaction are games with it in a context - the endlessly unconsummated Quest for love or knowledge - which is wholly

Conferences on "genre" (there is one in this book) might well debate the "campus novel" as well as the Romance. In the past it has, in this country, been satire or farce. Lucky Jim put firecrackers under seats and pulled loathsome faces: The History Man took a run at modern deterministic theories of history and culture: Rates of Exchange contemplates the debasement of language and other currencies with a gloomy anxiety under its local laughter. Campus novels are not necessarily limited and local in their concerns: A university, too, like the Round Table or the Global Village is a small world, but a world. This one is seen with a benign and intelligently comic vision, a virtual world, selectively obeying some, but not all the laws of the real one.

lating copy for local news-papers, which hide from power-ful political issues in gossip and such mildly sensational tattle. Yet there is genuine underlying reconstructed from old letters discovered in a trunk. For all her intellectual acumen and political sincerity, it is in the conviction which Nadine Gorthere. In the title story of dimer brings to her wise Nadine Gordimer's latest outstanding collection, the activilationships that she luminously ties of the creature and the excels. Few writers are able to portray with such perception and compassion the delight, (surperbly characterized and-observed with cool satiric wit) are counterpointed by the patient preparations of a guertolerant submission, shyness, flashes of certainty between a woman and a man who love (in rilla cell (two black men, a white whatever sense) honestly, if man and woman) for an act of sometimes helplessly, as well as sabotage. Their own relationships are recorded with fingertip sensitivity, while their deadly seriousness of purpose

The political threat their the the reluctant sorrow and hurt

The political threat in The Tenth Crusade, a powerful thriller by Christopher Hyde, is more crudely stated but effective enough, perhaps because of the frightening telaesthetic flick-erings of the God lobby in the dance. Mr Hyde (who does not have many kind thoughts about President Reagan) postulates a deal with Southern African link between religious fanaticism and extreme right-wing realpolitik, cynically exploiting white-ruled state: most effect the revulsions of the moral tively when they focus upon majority. A veteran photostress, personal loyalty and journalist, Kirkland, is visited unexpectedly by the woman he once loved passionately, from whom he had parted agonizingly many years before. Almost immediately the girl disappears, violently abducted. He joins forces with a research historian. daughter of an American senator who she believes was cism as it is as fiction; the driven to suicide by the same Tenth Crusade who appear to have dragged off Kirkland's between a young liberal woman former love. The tant story



Wallflowers, slackers, and Victorian society in The Ball on Shipboard

# Painter of vulgar society

James Tissot By Michael Wentworth

(Oxford, £50)

Valgar Society, James Laver called his pioneering book on Tissot, picking up the phrase, with some but not quite all of its disapproving overtones, from Ruskin's remarks on Tissot in Fors Clavigera. But by the end of the story Laver has come to see Tissot's reprehen-sible interest in vulgar society as his claim on the attention of 1936: "he is assured of his immortality, if not in the History of Art, at least died in 1902, a student of his work was a lot nearer to him then than we are now to that student, and it may reasonably be supposed that the time has come for a new definition of Tissot's standing. It is no doubt significant that Michael Wentworth's absorbing critical biography appears shamelessly among the "Oxford Studies in the History of Art and Architecture" rather than in the Oxford Histoire des Moeurs.

Even Ruskin conceded that Tissot might be a expable painter, whose work could improve the taste of the essentially tasteless, "if he would obey his graver thoughts" — which meant, naturally, some kind of lofty allegory rather than bourgeois reality. The Spectator in 1879 put it in a nutshell: "To have the power of painting almost anything in the world, and to choose to paint a five-o'clock tea-table — could any condamnation he really more than the one the condemnation be really more than the one the artist passes upon his own work by the choice of such subjects?" However, Tissot seems to have been artistically unrepentant - religious repentance being, as it happens, something else.

making of money. His later series of paintings on religious themes and illustrations of the New Testament and then the Old were contrived with resident and then the Old were contrived with real De Mille showmanship: a lot of publicity about his search for authenticity on the actual sites in the Holy Land, and the sparing of no expense in seeking out the correct period accessories, cannot disguise the fact that his biblical maidens are chorus-girls and his prophets, like his profits, come straight off the

All the same, he seems to have been sincere: as with De Mille, if one asks whether he was truly interested in God or Mammon, the answer is evidently both. Despite Arnold Bennett's nasty stories about his determination to dispose of hi mistress, conveyed to her by a letter in a misaddressed envelope and resulting in him suicide, in fact he was totally devoted to his Mrs Newton, whom he took up with soon after his arrival in England, painted her obsessively, nursed her faithfully through her last illness, and found God at her bier. And he was, after all, an excellent painter, It is not easy to be sure of his citizent to release acceleration. attitude to vulgar society, just as we cannot now know whether his involvement with the Commune, which drove him from France, was sincere or opportunistic. But this ambiguity makes him one of our best, because most disinterested, witnesses. As a friend of Manet and careful student of Japanese art (not to mention photography), he knew what was going on in art, and knew, till God got him, what he did best. Mr Wentworth imparts a new interest in the man, but also a new respect for his art.

John Russell Taylor

# Family and fighting history of the bravest of the brave

The Gurkhas By Byron Farwell

(Allen Lane, £12.50) not so terrible to the enemy as it is", says the most popular those regiments which re-soldier in our literature, and the mained in the Indian Army, battalion of Gurkhas who fought in the Falklands might agree, for they were disappointed when their opponents fled unscathed. It is not enough, though, that the British people should regard Gurkhas simply as formidable in battle: we should recognize their admirable qualities as human beings, so that, when need arises, we can willingly pay the debt we owe for their loyalty and

devotion in our own hard times since 1815. Byron Farwell's book gives a lives and achievements of the Gurkha soldiers of Nepal. In less than 320 pages he has

style, an outline of their history probably the most demoralizing since 1742, a description of the circumstances Gurkhas have theatres of war in which they ever had to face; yet in both

He follows the fortunes of and those transferred to the British. Thus, he has the opportunity to record the traumatic effect of Indian independence on the Gurkhas themselves, on their British officers and on the Indian officers who arrived at the shortest possible notice to take over those battalious which were to stay in India.

It is a measure of the soldierly qualities of all of them that immediately after the change-over the Indian Army battalions went straight off with unknown officers to fight in Kashmir, while the British Army battalions within a few months were confronting terror-

Gilbert Murray By Francis West

(Croom Helm, £17.50)

Gilbert Murray, Professor of Greek at Oxford for the first

third of this century, was more than a distinguished classical scholar. His translations of Ancient Greek drama, particu-

larly Euripides, on the stage and

between slim green covers, introduced them to generations

who had no Greek. He was denounced by T. S. Eliot as a poor man's Swinburne, who

stretched Greek brevity to fit

the loose frame of William

Morris, Maurice Bowra used to

tell the anecdote of Murray

reading his version to his students: "Death and a cold white thing within the house." His students looked at the

Greek text, and found no more than: "e e a a." But the great names of the British stage; from

Bernard Shaw and Henry Irving to Sybil Thorndike, found the ancient magic in Murray's somewhat Pre-Raphaelite ver-

He was a liberal, a strong

agnostic and anti-clericalist, an dealist. In his old age he

described himself as the last of

the Victorians. He was a founder of the League of

Nations, and became its chair-man. His life was not without political and personal tensions:

his sons disliked him; his relationship with his rather grand wife, who had an even

sterner devotion to good works and reformist politics than he, was sometimes prickly. This

authorized biography by the Professor of History and Government at Deakin Univer-

sity, Geelong, Anstralia, is based on the large unpublished Murray archives in the Bod-leian. It is a straightforward

account of a grand old classic,

who influenced the way that his

contemporaries thought on

Grand old classic

have been engaged and an armies they triumphantly main-account of their festivals, homes and family life. armies they triumphantly main-tained their splendid repu-tation. So there can be happy endings even to modern stories. Readers of The Gurkhas will

find intriguing "family secrets": for instance, the cast-iron rule in operations on the North-West Frontier that no British officer ever stayed with the last group to leave a picket position.

bibliography and an adequate map of Northern India and Nepal ("From China to Peru" almost - would be needed to cover all the Gurkha battle-

Cyril Jarvis

# Gosh more Jings in heaven and earth the defence". It is, perhaps, a

Science and Parascience

A History of the Paranormal, 1914-1939

By Brian Inglis (Hodder & Stoughton, £12.95)

In those happy childhood days when Centre Point was no more than a malicious glint in the planner's eye and Ann Summers still romped in her Wendy-House, the bottom of Totten-ham Court Road, at least for inquisitive schoolboys, meant The Wizard's Den, a magic shop with a thousand mysterisnop with a thousand myster-ous ways to smaze your friends, pencils with bending points, non-dissolving sugar cubes, nails which went through your finger, "naughty Fido" dog excrement, and screaming

There were moments in this second volume of Brian Inglis's history of the paranormal when I felt sustained by a similar curiosity about techniques for distorting reality. When were we going to get to the section on "human levitation", the stories about pseudopods extending from arms, the cases of people returning from the dead: the "gosh" bits.

Inglis is quite prepared for this type of reaction. Although delighted by opinion polls which show the greater readiness of the public to accept ESP (somewhere between 70 and 80 per cent) he knows that the overall paranormal case is hardly likely to be furthered among disbelievers by many of the examples cited in this volume. In an age when psychical researchers concentrate on nothing much more dramatic than guessing random numbers, "the last thing they want is exhibitions of mediumship, with trumpets blowing in darkened rooms, or ectoplasm erupting into gro-tesque forms". But despite this he bravely decides to include even quite bizarre examples on the grounds that it is his job to present the truth as he knows it and allow the jury of readers to assess its credibility.

The intention is not always realised. As in the earlier Natural and Supernatural, which took the story up to 1914, Inglis is soon nudging the jury towards his own point of view. Those on the side of lifting tables and sounding trumpets and spouting extoplasm have a habit of turning out to be honest, decent, truthful, and only just a weeny bit prone to honest, decent, truthful, and only just a weeny bit prone to cheating, while their opponents are reluctantly "forced to proof as they wish of Horatio's admit", shown to be unreliable, and found to be prejudiced. By page 338, Inglis himself is ready to agree that "In trying to clear away the debris of misconception and misinterpretation, I have found it difficult not to slip into the role of counsel for

partiality which is inevitable when he is seeking to defend the validity of anecdotes by reference to such a volatile feature as the actual character of human

Students of the paranormal are thereby led towards a real dilemma. If they decide to follow Inglis's path, they are forced to include the type of material which will inevitably have them dismissed as super-stitious and gullible: material which can never expect to be accorded "scientific" status. But, as history has also shown, if they take the other path and concentrate entirely upon only irolled experimental work, then their results will be attacked by other scientists and sceptics with a fervour and an array of weapons which if brought to bear upon more orthodox scientific work, would quickly raise doubt about its own truth

Thus, parapsychologists have been attacked by some for the historical association with magic and religion (nicely ignoring the alchemical origins of chemistry). They have been told that nothing they claim can possibly be true as long as it conflicts so fundamentally wifn what is known (a restriction which would have preserved Newtonian physics). They have been reminded, without regard for the implications for econ-omics, that statistical probability is a dubious foundation for knowledge: they have been blamed for failing to maintain absolute control over the (farewell, social psychology).

It is not too surprising then that Inglis, although he does full justice to Rhine's work on card-guessing, should largely opt for the less rigourous and more populist course, even going so far as to express sympathy with Olive Lodge's belief that "psy-chical research took a wrong turning in seeking academic recognition if that also meant losing contact with the general public"

So, while at Edinburgh University, the new Koestler Professor of Parapsychology will soon be assembling a rigorous and controlled approach to matters psychical, we can expect further volumes along the present eclectic lines from the indefatigable Mr Inglis. That really should be welcome news for everyone Sceptics can continue to sharenduring narrow-mindedness, and even overgrown afficionados of The Wizard's Den can have a little quiet fun pressing their nose against the glass and muttering "Gosh"

Laurie Taylor

### The author also takes care to explain the status of Gurkha officers; they are almost the equivalent of centurions in the Roman Army, promoted from the ranks and men of immense The book has a good

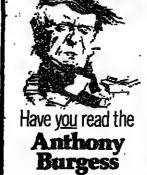
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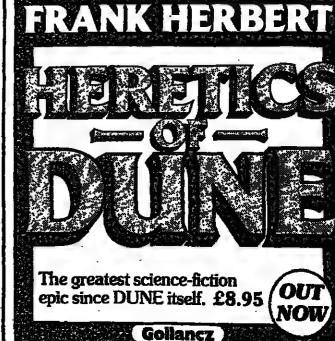
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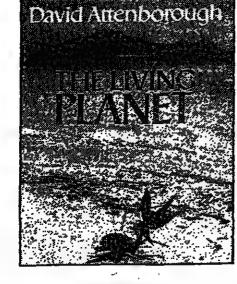
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# THE TIMES **DIARY**

# Still up in the air

Unlikely bedfellows, Michael Shea. the Queen's press secretary, and David Frost, now the only remaining member of the Famous Five at TV-am, are to publish The Mid-Atlantic Companion, a sort of book version of British Airways in-flight

Yesterday, a coy Michael Shea refused to be drawn on the subject. "it's far too early to talk about this," and despite his eight years experi-ence as the Palace pressman, had the naivety to ask me to name my source. But why choose Frosty? "For his transatlantic connexions. of course. He travels a lot," Frost, meanwhile, was being even more tight-lipped, and failed to return my calls yesterday.

The pair probably crystallized the deal last November, during Frost's much-publicized TV-am interview with Prince Andrew on his Falk-lands exploits. The "Famous One." who I suspect called on Shea to secure his royal coup, is certainly bent on sustaining his jet-set image at all costs. I am told Frost and his wife. Lady Carina, are looking for a nanny to take sole charge of their baby from the summer. His mother in-law, the Duchess of Norfolk, apparently puts it down to the couple's traveiling commitments.

### Coverage charge



Ingham: privileged hearing

The fruits of wisdom do not come cheaply where Bernard Ingham. Mrs Thatcher's chief press secretary, is concerned. For the privilege of hearing him reveal the techniques needed to obtain "positive press coverage", members of the Industrial Society are being charged £69, and non-members £82.80, for a 90minute meeting at the Society's Carlton House Terrace HQ tomorrow. A buffet lunch is thrown in. Proceeds go to the Society: Mr Ingham, who is giving his services free, is likely to be rewarded with, I am told, a case of fine claret.

### On the block

An ill omen, far more portentous than the present press speculation about the Arts Council's cutbacks. has been delivered to the staff at the threatened Hayward Gallery. Next Wednesday, the council meets to decide where to cut £7m of funds for the arts. On March 30, the council is holding a press conference to announce its decision publicly. The Hayward, however, already believe they are the victims: the staff have been called to a management meeting on March 29.

# Writ in stone

After naming names of masons within Brent council, I now learn that Lewisham's Labour group has just passed a motion declaring that membership of the Freemasons is incompatible with membership of the Labour Party. Now all Labour councillors are to be asked to pledge, in writing, that they are not masons. Yesterday, they said they would

go farther: a motion declaring that membership of Freemasons is incompatible with service in local government is to go before the full Labour-controlled council, and if passed, as is likely, the jobs of some officers could be threatened. Meanwhile councillor David Sullivan proposer of the original motion, tells me he is negotiating with a defector mason to release his secret list of local lodge members.

BARRY FANTONI



"Tarquin's furious - he designed the whole office around the old buff, green and pink"

### Eireways

A Donegal priest, Father Eoghan O Frighil, has won a battle for the Irish cause. British Airways barred him from boarding a Belfast to London flight after the patriotic priest refused to translate his name into English at the ticket desk. "Our staff are not familiar with Russian or Irish", said BA, who, after protests from an Irish MP, John Hume, have now pledged to accept all names

# Deadlock: Ian Murray looks at Europe's summit confusion



Before the break-up: Mrs Thatcher and the other European Community leaders at the Brussels conference.

### Brossels Mrs Thatcher, a sickly, split-eyed smile on her face, peers out from the front page of the Brussels daily La Libre Belgique. "Mme Thatcher: multiple chicaneries" reads the caption. Separated from her by a block of intransigent type is a picture of a bright-eyed President Mitterrand. From sacrifice to sacrifice", reads the caption.

A quick scan of the headlines on the newspaper stands leave no doubt as to who is being held exclusively to blame for the collapse of the Brussels summit. "The toughness of Frau Thatcher", says Die Welt. "La Thatcher against all", concludes La Stampa, "My Fer Lady", puns Le Quotidien de Paris alongside a crude cartoon of the Prime Minister.

In fact this populist rhetoric (matched with equal chauvinistic style by the British press) hides the fact that the summit all but succeeded and that the ten - not the nine - are closer together than they have been for a very long time on how to solve the problems of the

Those problems centre on how to find enough money in these austere times to build the kind of jobcreating, dynamic Europe dreamt of by the founding fathers. Part of the solution. which everyone has agreed upon, is an increase in the tax which could be raised by the Community

This was an enormous concession by Mrs Thatcher, who until then had always refused to even "consider" the idea until she had won her case for a fairer budget deal coupled with tighter controls on spending. She was not alone in approving a more modest increase than other states wanted, but for all that she did agree that the receipts from a value added

# Europe's odd woman out

present 1 per cent ceiling to a 1.4 per cent ceiling in 1986, rising to 1.6 per

But she kept a very firm condition on that. She would not send the proposal on for necessary ratifi-cation by the parliament until such time as she was offered the budget deal she came to get.

And the deal, having been within reach, finally eluded everyone - not because it was too expensive, but because everyone needed to make concessions in principles which were too difficult at this stage to sell to domestic opinion when the summit

The problem looked different, as Sir Geoffrey Howe tried vainly to explain, depending on which end of the telescope was being peered down. The result was that Britain wanted a system which it would pass off as showing it made a small but generous contribution. The others wanted a system which showed them as making a small but generous rebate to Britain.

Obviously the definition of both small and generous was a very subjective one, but the reason the summit took so long to fail was that a determined effort was made by everyone to find ways of bridging the gap, or at least, in a series of technical and apparently insignificant formulas, to appear to be doing public with science in which Britain conspired. The aim was to prove to the electorate of Europe - which goes to the polls for the direct elections to the European Parliament in three months - that everyone was being generous and

believed deeply in Europe, The exercise failed because Mrs Thatcher could not persuade the others to agree to a system by which Britain, on a scale related to its wealth, paid a maximum contribution. Instead they were prepared to offer a system wich meant Britain was paid back a rebate on contributions over and above that ceiling.

Though the gap was narrowed by the technicians to a very bridgeable £150 m - insignificant if just a few of them shared it out - the politicians of the "new nine" could not go home and tell their electorates that they had given Mrs Thatcher back nearly everything she was asking for.

Mrs Thatcher or the image she has built up must take a large measure of the blame for this. She has become the bogeywoman of Europe. Opinion polls showing her falling domestic popularity are published prominently in papers throughout the EEC. Her reputation. built up relentlessly at summit after summit, for always getting her way, has raised hackles.

The EEC and Nato between them may have put an end to war in western Europe. Nowadays the

public have only football matches and summits in which to give vent

to their historic chauvinism.
But for all that, this summit nearly succeeded, with the givers and takers nearly grasping each other's outstretched hands. While the intransigent Mrs Thatcher stayed in the limelight, it almost went unnoticed that all 10 had agreed to a four-page paper on new policies needed to build the Community, it was almost taken for granted that there had to be strict budgetary discipline - an unheard of concept not so long ago.

If it had not been for the Irish milk question, there was very close agreement on a strictly controlled agricultural price package. Everyone wanted more money spent on regional and social policies. And they all agreed - provisionally - to increase resources. Foreign ministers had little difficulty, meanwhile, in putting together a common text on the Lebanon, proving how closely the EEC countries work together on foreign policy.

If personalities could be kept out of the argument over the next few weeks, there remains every chance that the Community's worsening financial situation will force everyone to peer down the same end of

That will be more difficult if Mrs Thatcher gives way to the volume of noise within her own party and in the opinion polls, demanding that she withhold payment of at least part of Britain's monthly £100m net contribution

And the European election campaign, which is now warming up, will further complicate the matter as national leaders strike chauvinistic poses. Success at the June summit is not impossible if the leaders ignore the cartoons and the headlines.

therefore - and it is a dangerous

development - Lausanne has also

proved how enormous is the gap

that now separates the militias of

Yet since the Christians have

been proposing a form of federal

Lebanon, a country partitioned by mutual agreement rather than

hostility they have been talking

more realistically than the Muslims.

By acknowledging that Lebanon

cannot be put back together again.

they could, in the long term, prove

to be the winners. It is of course true as Suleiman Franijeh, Syria's Maro-

nite ally, told his equally old adversary. Camille Chamoun, last

week that Lebanon is not a homogenous state: if the country is be broken into cantons, it would

involve vast shifts of the population: Christian villagers south of Jezzine

would have to abandon their homes

and move north of Beirut; the Muslims of Byblos would have to

travel east: the Christian inhabitants

in the predominantly Muslim Bekaa

valley, including virtually the entire

population of the town of Zahle,

might be forced westwards to the Mediterranean side of Mount

This huge geographical displace-ment would be carried out in a

bloody and fearful fashion, although

it might ultimately bring about a grim status quo in the Lebanese war.

All sides know this, which is why the

Christians expect an onslaught on east Beirut. Territory gained now

It is on the other hand little

surprise that Israel has made known

its support for a federal Lebanon. A

state broken up into suspicious

feudal cantons is easier to control;

grace and favour can be extended to

one frightened minority after an-

other, depending on their helpful-

ness or their usefulness to what

Israel always describes as its

Shia Muslims against them in

southern Lebanon, are now trying to

reestablish relations with the Leba-

The Israelis, having turned the

ecurity interests".

will have to be traded later.

control them.

# Ronald Butt

# Needed: help and advice from inside

would be understandable. Every time some attempt is made by the government to deal with public spending which is excessive or misapplied, ministers are battered by the media, by their own backbenchers and by a congeries of inter-linked pressure groups led by people with a vested interest in destroying the Government's inten-tions in the name of the low-paid, child poverty, housing need and so on. Immediately the Government takes any action, the Labour Party can summon up the angry spirits and statistics of people profession-ally skilled in defending what are called minority interests, and who do it with all their heart because their political beliefs are founded on the proposition that the more public money is funnelled out to the interests in whose name they command a public platform the better. The interest of the majority, saddled with the totality of their

claims, is of little account to them, When the pressure groups go into action, the Government is quickly wrong-footed, for these operators are very powerful. As well as having strong links with the Labour Party. not to mention a number of government departments, they exert a powerful influence on public opinion through their friends in the media of communications. These communicators look almost automatically to the pressure groups to supply what is taken as dispassion-ate truth because, since the 1960s, the dominant climate of what is taken as informed opinion, and the assumptions of the media have largely been determined by (or have developed hand in hand with) the pressure groups' aspirations. Dispassionate truth (so defined) then comes armed with the hard metal of supporting statistics, with which hearts are nowadays moved more

than by commonsense. The government, it is true, has been able to hold back public spending to the point at which it should be kept steady in absolute terms for the next five years, and should (given economic growth) be a shrinking proportion of the national output. Yet if growth were to falter and public spending became a renewed problem, the axe would have to be wielded hastily and without due care. That is why some of the Government's friendly critics argue that what is needed is a systematic look at state spending (including the welfare services) now, so that acceptable priorities can be determined.

The Government-knows that at some stage radical changes will have to be contemplated. But Mrs Thatcher's position is that when she does attempt to settle such things she wants support. She does not want to be assailed by the pressure groups, disowned by the elements in the media which support economies in theory but never in practice, and harried by Tory backbenchers. She fears that she would be deserted on particular issues at the height of the fray and does not intend to take that

She was crucially influenced by adverse reactions, during the last parliament, to the leaking of the think tank's report, which had probably sensationalized the size of the public spending problem while enumerating some possible cures that were so politically unacceptable exercise. That episode confirmed Mrs Thatcher's temperamental distrust of attempts at overall and systematic solutions which anyway smack to her of left-wing habits of mind. She prefers pragmatism. The think tank, in her view, was better at asking questions than answering them, and so she abolished it.

The trouble is that without the think tank the questions are not being asked systematically at all. The think tank may not have been the best method. For one thing it contained too many people with insufficient political instinct and too inclined to equate dispassionate expertism with intellectual jeu d'esprit. Mrs Thatcher's policy unit could, if large enough, be a better alternative, but it is too small. The trouble with the Government is that the longer it stays in office, the more vulnerable ministers are to the departmental machines which surround them.

For the moment, their best protection is from the special advisers who, particularly in the social departments, help to provide a counterweight to departmental opinion that is influenced by precisely the kind of interest group attitudes to which I referred earlier But there are few of them; only about 15 in all the Whitehall departments together and about eight with the policy unit at 10 Downing Street

The role of the special advisers is invaluable, particularly in the highly politicized social departments (with their pressure group connexions) where the Civil Servants are a great deal less open-minded and are much more committed to their own causes than are those in the Treasury, But the work of the single adviser is hard going in face of the departmental

All this leaves ministers vulnerable to the inertia or the commit-ments of the Whitehall machine; 100 often ministers are unprepared for the political realities (housing benefits again was a notorious case) and too often public opinion is not properly tapped for the latent support it contains. Yet if Mrs Thatcher fears that radical acts cannot command support, the Budget this year is a significent proof that when radical things are done with determination and conviction, and are seen to meet real need, they will command support.

In parts of the Conservative Party there is a belief that the Government is failing to make use of its friends just when (because hardworked ministers with too little time to think have been in office for five gruelling years) political backing and thinking could be most useful. As for the welfare state, Mrs Thatcher has. of course, other political reasons for caution. She is not hard-hearted and will not so act. As a beneficiary herself of the Beveridge system, she could not contemplate radical changes in it that did not lead to a new "Beveridge" at least as good. will unleash the rage of the pressure groups, and bring marryrdom on Newsnight and Panorama, lie behind the Prime Minister's caution. if improved systems are to be devised, in which the public money is spent better, who is to do the thinking? For certainly there will be no improvement without more

# In disarray: Robert Fisk on Lebanon's retreat from the conference table

# Why all roads lead to war

Lausanne It was somehow typical of President Amin Gemayel that he should claim, in the early hours of yesterday, that Lebanon's wretched conference for national reconciliation had had "positive results". The only definitive result of the failure of Lebanese politicians to reach agreement at Lausanne on their country's future is likely to be a horrifying and even more savage round of civil warfare in Beirut, without even the hope of outside

intervention now to smother it. "I am going home immediately", one of the Christian Maronite delegates' officials said yesterday. "When I get home I am going to collect my family and pack up the valuables in my house and leave immediately". His feeling was widely shared; but there was Mr Gemayel stoutly denying that he had ever offered to resign during the conference, still insisting that he hoped for great things after the Lausanne talks. How big can an explosion be?

The truth is that everyone lost at Lausanne. Lebanon lost one of its last chances - perhaps the very last chance - to remain a unified country, because the sectarian interests of its leaders proved greater than their nationalist memory. Syria lost because its political victory over the US failed to produce any worthwhile alternative to President Reagan's Cyclops-like policies of support for the Gemayel govern-ment. The Muslims of Lebanon, having discovered that Syria can no longer be relied on to support their more extreme demands have returned empty handed, to Beirut where far darker forces are advocating a military push into east Beirut that would fracture the whole Christian Maronite structure of power.

It is a frightful prospect. Even before the Lausanne peace conference, there were signs - the trajectory of certain artillery bombardments, the deployment of Shia Muslim militias in the Chiyah district of the capital - that the Muslims were planning some form of offensive against the increasingly isolated Christian suburb of Ein el-Rumanch. The Christian Phalangists - whose ancient representative at Lausanne, Pierre Gemayel, found himself torn between the Christian warriors for whom he was meant to argue and the President-son to whom he was still bound by family loyalty - are well aware that only a lew of their units and one brigade of the Lebanese government army now prevent a Druze onslaught across the valley of the Meta river that could, if successful, give antigovernment militias possession of

the presidential palace itself. Amin Gemayel's last stand would not be a heroic affair because few of the Phalangists will now align themselves with the President who so publicly changed his allegiance from Washington to Damascus. But on the ground in Beirut it is clear that the static warfare of the past six weeks may soon become, again a battle for more territory in which the

Christians are almost certain to lose. The Syrians still support the legitimacy of Gemayal's govern-PHS ment. But their seal of approval is



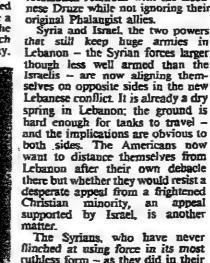
going to look ever more shabby as the Lebanese realize that the Government of National Salvation, which they thought could be created in Lausanne, is little more than a chimera. Though the Shia Muslim and Druze delegates at Lausanne were appalled by Syria's commit-ment to the Gemayal administration, they know that Damascus would be obliged to support them militarily in a further round of civil war. Thus the Syrians may shortly have to choose between further political paralysis in Lebanon or further participation in the war, allying itself with the anti-government parties as surely as the Americans were until recently allying themselves with Amin Gemayel and by association with the

Phalange.
In fact the Syrian proposals at Geneva, had they been accepted, were not an unworthy attempt to heal Lebanon's wounds. Abdul Halim Khaddam, the Syrian vicepresident, had presented to the conference a nine-page document containing a list of carefully argued reforms that would have granted

Poised for actions in Beiont

substantially more power to the Muslims of Lebanon without diminishing the prestige of the Christian. Maronites. There would have been an exchange of prisoners, a return of refugees - Christian and Muslim to the homes they owned before the civil war started. Reforms in the constitution and parliament would have taken place over three years while a sophisticated system of power-checking as well as power-sharing would have been inaugurated by an enlarged parliament with a prime minister responsible to the assembly rather than to the president. In a perfect world, or in a less imperfect world, the Khaddam document might have been a success. But in the end it served only to emphasize just how far Lebanon has disintegrated.

The reforms discussed with such fury at Lausanne simply bore little or no relation to the aspirations of the militias in Beirut to whom the next street or the next ruined apartment block has now become a more serious objective than the establishment of a state in which they can all share. In one way,



flinched at using force in its most ruthless form - as they did in their own city of Hama in 1982 - cetainly suspect that they may not have seen the last of the US Sixth Fleet. For the Lebanese, however, the future seems grimly obvious; there may be plans for yet another ceasefire but Being looks set to become a killing ground again with Lebanon's future ever more certainly its own disinte-

# Paul Pickering

# A raven in a flap over a bomber

in full voice again and has been hobnobbing with his mate Doris. Unfortunately, far from the usual gentle billing and cooing associated with this time of year when the sap begins to rise and every young bird's thoughts turns to romance, a discordant note could be heard.

At first Hector was content to nip the odd juvenile finger pushed through the wire or peevishly stab the penguin next door. But finally his grumbling mood became quite ugly. Teams of psychologists who were rushed to the scene eventually found the problem was a question of taste, or rather lack of it.

The wicked bird, you may recall, for many years head raven at the Tower of Loadon, was incarcerated at the zoo for defending the historic fortress against American tourists in hideous check jackets. The last straw was when he landed on the shoulder of a senior citizen from Little Rock and exclaimed: "I'm Hector", before wrestling the badly shocked woman's floral hat to the ground.

Such is American influence these days, from GCHQ to the Beefeaters. that this high-spirited bird still languishes behind bars. This week he learnt that the insensitive Yanks has added insult to injury by naming part of their nuclear bombing fleet after the species to which he belongs. without even asking him.

The United States Third Air Force "Raven" is a modification of the F-III atomic bomber, and provides an electronic screen for friendly attacking aircraft" hanging around battlefields and amming the Russians' radar.

Now while it is true that ravens in the past did get a bad name by blackening the sky over medieval battlefields, earning the name "vulture of the north", such things are anathema to the modern bird about town. Hector and Doris would find an armour clad oaf a bit of a beak bender and insist on fat, cornfed French rats from the Ile de

"I cannot really tell you why they chose the name Raven", said Captain Jerry Yaple of the USAF public affairs office, sifting through a huge pile of papers on his desk. "I

Hector, the irascible talking raven I have not got any information on adopted last year at London Zoo, is that. No, it's not a black aircraft, it's sort of whitish grey."

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Didn't he think it macabre calling this lily-white weapon a raven? The Vikings, hardly masters of detente, used to put the bird on their ships sails to show whoever's beach they were storming up that there would be no quarter. Why not go the whole hog and call the plane a vulture, a native American bird?

"Well, birds are very popular names for planes; there's the Eagle and the Fighting Falcon", continued Captain Yaple as hungry peace women howled eerily outside Upper Heyford's gates. But to appease Hector he posted off the full details of the plane, weight, range and 50 forth, everything except the in-flight movie over Kiev.

"It's very Anglo-Saxon, this naming of planes", said Mr George Clout of the Imperial War Museum. "But ravens do have rather a sinister connexion with carrion and battlefields. There is certainly no British plane called the raven. There are some names like, say, Daschund, that one just would not use. Although the RAF did call one plane a wildebeest."

But whatever the flying Wildebeest did, it was not of lasting damage to the animal's reputation. It sound a friendly sort of aircraft.

On the other hand, Hector points out the EF-111A seems a very sneaky kind of plane indeed, likely to completely ruin Corvus Corax's carefully nurtured new image as the thinking man's crow. He is considering calling his lawyers.

To be blamed for starting the Third World War would be bad enough, even if one's own beak were glowing brightly among the rubble. But think of the ITV interference the jamming plane may cause in peace time. Murder has been done before now to those who have come between the man on the Clapham omnibus and his Coronation Street.

The parrot house agrees that it is a clear case of criminal libel that the Third Air Force should be in jail.
Doris adds this is the needless clumsiness with names one expects from a president who called his first wife Monkeypuss.

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The making of a

Sir, Mr David Watt's article (March

16) with its crude headline, "What a way to pick a president", misapprehends the genius of the American system. This lies in openness to

changing circumstances and the predisposition both to search for

It merely reflects natural evol-ution, which recognizes that each

man may have his moment and his uses; and, if applied elsewhere, would prevent that stifling of creativity which those who hang on

to power after their time are obliged

At its two greatest moments of

crisis it produced Abraham Lincoln, apparently inferior to his rivals and

Franklin Roosevelt, a cripple dis-

missed as a lightweight. It is only the

professional governors who need to

make a mystery of government. Yours faithfully, JOHN KENTLETON,

University of Liverpool, Department of History,

Youth training cuts

Knowsley North (Labour)

From Mr Robert Kilroy-Silk, MP for

B1 places in the Youth Training

Government's cuts in the number of

places will result in a better match to

Regrettably, however, the damage

done by the reduction in Mode B1

places cannot be so easily dismissed,

First, the Youth Training Scheme only began in September. It is true

that building up occupancy has been

problem for some schemes; but at

this early stage they need support to build up their numbers rather than

Secondly, a number of schemes

which were only recently established

and have just taken on their first few

trainees inevitably have unoccupied

places until they take on their full

Thirdly, the demand for YTS

places is not static, it has been

increasing month by month and will

simply paper ones but involve cutting the number of places to

below the usual occupancy level.

From Mr Dan Jacobson and others

Sir, We write to express our deep

concern about the arrest of the Polish writer, Marek Nowakowski, whose book, The Canary and Other Tales of Martial Law, was published by the Harvill Press last year.

He is being investigated on charges of having cooperated with

persons who represent Western organisations conducting activity harmful to the interests of the Polish

state". This is an absurd accusation

recalling Stalinist practices, while

General Jaruzelski tries to create the

impression of "normalisation" is

to release Marek Nowakowski and thus prevent a further deterioration

in Western attitudes towards the

We implore the Polish authorities.

Yours faithfully, ROBERT KILROY-SILK,

Arrest in Poland

House of Commons.

March 15.

Poland.

Yours etc.

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Jaruzelski regime.

DAN JACOBSON,

IRIS MURDOCH, V. S. PRITCHETT, STEPHEN SPENDER,

39c Highbury Place, N5.

Therapy by cobwebs

From Professor Sir William Paton.

Sir, Mr Levin's "A plague on all their palliatives", on March 2, with its one-sided view of "Nature",

requires further comment.
Warfarin (the most generally

useful drug active by mouth for

preventing thrombosis), DDT (that

broke the Naples typhus epidemic), penicillin (that virtually abolished

deaths from puerperal fever) and

Valium (important for pathological

anxiety) are bardly mere "pallia-

Nature (man) fail to match the

subtleties of Nature (bacteria and

the like). Resistance to chemo-

therapy has been recognized for 80 years, but the therapeutic revolution

took place just the same, because

The successors to M & B 693,

penicillin and streptomycin have

shown that the capacity of bacteria

to generate resistance is not unlimi-ted; and molecular biology is

showing how to outwit the protozoa.

That Mr Levin's pen should join those calling us back to therapy by

cobwebs (and a death rate of 50 per cent in the first year of life) is a sad

disservice to the cause of improving

health care, when one sees all that is

still to be done, especially for the Third World.

Perhaps he may read more and rethink. If so, I would be happy to meet him on March 1, 1994, to

compare notes - our mumal expectation of life now extends that far. The Lamb & Flag in St Giles,

12.00 sharp.

Yours sincerely.

WILLIAM PATON,

University of Oxford, Department of Pharmacology, South Parks Road,

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# A DRAMA, BUT NOT A CRISIS

Ascribing degrees of responsi-bility for the break-down of the Brussels summit could provide a testing subject for some future historian's essay. As so often happens on such occasions. accident, misunderstanding and national as well as personal psychology played a part in it. The ferocious and curious row between the Prime Minister and the other heads of state, at crosspurposes, on Monday night was itself enough to illustrate that point. Mrs Thatcher apparently thought that the French scheme for measuring the gap (for the purposes of compensation) between national payments to and receipts from the Community would exclude farm levies and tariffs from the calculation altogether. The others seemed to think that she was not prepared for any part of these duties to be excluded. This led to an abstruse and unnecessary argument about who really owns such levies and duties until Mrs Thatcher was reassured that the French scheme only excluded them in part, and the others understood that this was something the British Prime Minister could accept.

scheme that, by Tuesday afternoon, had been accepted in principle by the British as providing the long-term system that this country has persistently sought. It was not everything that the British had wanted. The gap between payments and contributions that would be arrived at from the French formula was smaller than under the original British scheme. In addition, that gap would not be compensated for in its entirety. But the principle of ability to pay was preserved, and the system was durable and long term. Mrs Thatcher was prepared to accept it as a basis for detailed negotiations between now and the next summit in June, Indeed. she went out of her way in the House of Commons yesterday to pay a tribute to President Mitterrand for being "most helpful" in producing a system which could have achieved a reasonable settlement.

In fact, it was the French

What, then, went wrong? Up to Athens, all the member countries in the Community were working to produce a longterm system to deal with the budgetary imbalance. At Athens, states later this year, it there the French suddenly retreated no settlement, that would be munity has an invaluable politifrom this, suggesting not a reasonable. But it would be system but ad hoc measures to unwise for the Government to Perhaps its greatest value is in its help Britain. This was wholly make instant use of it to informal political links rather unacceptable and the Athens withhold contributions. That than its economic arrangements. summit broke up in confusion would simply further sour an Our insistence on reforming the and ill-humour. Afterwards, atmosphere that, despite the latter does not put the real value

himself began to work quietly towards a system, and the one prepared for Brussels was the result. At that moment, however, when the heads of government had turned towards considering the figures to fit it, events took a

turn which is not easy to explain. The trigger appears to have been the decision of the Irish Prime Minister, Dr FitzGerald, to walk out of the meeting in protest against the "super-levy" on milk, agreed by the Community's agriculture ministers last week to reduce the surplus of this commodity.

Immediately after the Irish walk-out (and so far as can be judged from the surface of things, partly because of it) the atmosphere suddenly became more sour. Most suprisingly, though the Germans had persistently supported our requirement of a long-term system (at Athens and before) the German Chancellor Dr Kohl, suddenly switched to proposing an ad hoc system which, in the end, boiled down to a relief payment of 1,000 million ecu a year (£600 million) to Britain for five years with vague talk of a system thereafter. To the British, it meant no durable system, and accordingly Brussels recorded one more failure on the part of the Community to settle its differences. But how serious is that failure for the future of the Community?

The first decision to be taken the British Cabinet now is whether to withhold British contributions to the EEC in compensation for the rebate of £475 million agreed at Stuttgart and now frozen by the French and Italian governments. The political pressures on Mrs Thatcher to withhold are strong and may be politically irresistible. The Government will certainly not find it easy to get full support from its own party for the bill due to come before the House of Commons next week to sanction the grant of £100 million to the Commission, an advance of revenue to meet the Commission's financial difficulties. It may well be that the Cabinet will decide on an enabling bill to allow contributions to be held up.

As a stand-by facility for the financial problems which will affect Britain and all member hopeful than it may seem. What matters is not this year's rebate but a long-term settlement. The reality of the situation is that, in the long run, the members of the Community have no realistic alternative than to try to make it work. Talk of a break away of the other nine, and the isolation of Britain, is an absurdity. Though there is a danger that the political parties in each country will talk tough in the coming weeks for the benefit of their home electorates, in preparation for the European Parliament elections, they should try to

Later this year if there is no settlement, some members of the Community, particularly those who make no sufficient provision to cover their agricultural commitments in their own budgets (the Irish and Greeks, for instance) will face financial difficulty. As this year's budget is exhausted, the final months of 1984 could bring some acute difficulties. On the other hand, more money becomes available to the Community on January 1, 1985; it will not run right out of money but simply find, each year, that if there is no settlement its resources run out a month or two earlier.

What we face now is not.a crisis in the real meaning of the term but a period of slowly intensifying discomfort which, as time passes, will increasingly demand the relief of a long-term solution. That cannot be achieved without Britain, and Mrs Thatcher must hang on until it is one that meets Britain's essential interest. That means that it must last. There is not the slightest reason to think that the other members of the Community envisage carrying on without us. By now the links are too close for that. The Community is not for unscrambling.

It is an organization functioning on two levels. Its formal arrangements provide for give and take between national states, each member seeking to maximize its own benefit as well as contributing to the common advantage. When each takes as much as it can get, it is absurd to charge Britain with risking the nobler political ends of the Community every time that this country (like all the rest) guards cal function in the free world.

# however, the French President Brussels break-down, is more of the Community at risk.

Lebanon is almost certainly in for another round of extremely vicious fighting after the failure of the Lausanne conference - a failure not seriously disguised by agreement to refer all the main issues to a wider body of unspecified composition sometime "within six months" nor by the verbal "consolidation" of a ceasefire which always in the past has proved shortlived when not underpinned by a political

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understanding. Lebanon's ambassador in London, in a letter published on this page last week, asserted that "foreign interference is demonstrably at the root of all Lebanon's troubles. When this or that Lebanese faction becomes increasingly bellicose, it is always (his italics) due to pressure or incitement by external forces". Like many statements about Lebanon, that one is at best a half truth. As Mr David McDowall explains in his excellent recent pamphlet\*, the bonds of loyalty that have traditionally counted in Lebanon are those of kinship and of religious identity, rather than those that bind the citizen to the state. Indeed, the state has never achieved full legitimacy in the eyes of many of its citizens. Had it done so, no doubt it would have been strong enough to hold the "external forces" at bay. As it is, virtually every Lebanese party has been willing to call an external force to its aid whenever the internal balance seems to be tipping against it.

Had no external aid been available, presumably by now cither the internal forces would have fought each other to a standstill or one of them - or one combination of them - would

\*Lebanon: A conflict of minorities (Minority Rights Group Report No

MORE BELLICOSITY IN LEBANON have succeeded in dominating the others. To that extent the ambassador is right. Increasing bellicosity, or at any rate continued bellicosity, is made possible by the availability of external aid, which of course is never offered in a purely disin- might have been taken for terested way and can therefore be interpreted as "pressure or incitement".

> But that is hardly a sufficient explanation for the behaviour of the assembled warlords in Lausanne. The main external supporters of the Lebanese Front (that is, the anti-Arab Lebanese nationalist Christians) in recent phases of the conflict, namely Israel and the United States, have effectively renounced any attempt to influence the outcome of the power struggle in Beirut. The main external supporter of the pro-Arab/anti-Phalangist camp in the same period, namely Syria, having achieved its immediate object (the abrogation of the May 17 Lebanese-Israeli agreement) has adopted a neutral position in the internal Lebanese conflict and is, genuinely it seems, seeking a negotiated peace rather than victory for one side in the civil war. Mr Abdul-Halim Khaddam. Syria's long-serving foreign minister and newly appointed vice-president, put forward compromise proposals which give neither side full satisfaction but strike an impartial observer as a fair and constructive compromise. At one moment all parties were thought ready to accept them. Yet the final session turned into a painful

all rushing back to their barricades. The most disconcerting and perhaps most decisively disruptive behaviour was that of Mr Sulaiman Franjieh, who has

shouting-match and ended with

been clearly identified as a member of the pro-Arab anti-Phalangist camp at least since 1978, and for much longer than that has been closely associated with the Syrian regime. His support for the Syrian proposals granted, but instead he suddenly reverted to the position he took as President during the first phase of the civil war, in 1975-

76, when he opposed any reduction in the powers of the presidency - an office which all agree should continue to be held by a Maronite Christian.

in 1976, while advocating minor constitutional change, the Syrians chose to support Mr Franjieh rather than countenance a victory for the "national movement" (leftists and Arab nationalists supported by the PLO) which might have driven the bulk of the Maronite community into the arms of Israel. Now, however, having more or less neutralized the Israeli factor and having asserted their own exclusive tutelage over the Arab nationalist camp, they seem convinced that peace requires at least an equal share of power for

the Muslim majority. The Syrian public posture in the next round of fighting may be one of neutrality. In practice this would probably mean that the Druze and Shiite militias receive enough equipment to inflict some further reverses on their Christian opponents, and certainly to match whatever the latter may obtain from Israel or the United States, but not enough to overrun the main Maronite strongholds. When a few more hundred, or thousand, Lebanese have been killed, perhaps the various parties will be ready to accept Mr Khaddam's proposals; or something like them. There is certainly no more convincing solution in sight.

S. BERCOW, 17 Farmleigh Southgate, N14. Some advantages of local radio

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

From Professor Alan Day

Sir, Mr Whitney, the Director General of the IBA, argues (March 14) that pirate radio stations operating outside the law threaten the provision of a viable local radio service of quality and balance. But he fails to demonstrate that a proliferation of small, legally operated stations such as exists in

ance would have the same effect. Indeed, I have no doubt whatsoever that the overall quality, balance and, most of all, range of choice are all much higher in Paris, with its 54 licensed local stations, than in London, with only three. (In each capital, these are in addition to the national networks.)

In Paris the local stations include some devoted primarily to serious discussion of current events, others to classical music, others to the interests of ethnic and religious groups; and a majority is devoted to different kinds of popular music, appealing to a range of tastes which the British system cannot begin to

satisfy. Frequencies are available and could be made available here on a scale comparable with that found abroad. The cost of equipping and manning a station which can provide an entirely viable service is almost ludicrously small. Reason-able rates of pay should apply, but not necessarily on the manning

levels which British trade unions

currently regard as appropriate.

I agree with Mr Whitney that copyright fees should be paid, but on a scale commensurate with the audience and without the imposition of the pernicious restrictive

practice of needle time.
The key point, which Mr Whitney appears not to understand, is that the technology and economics of small-scale local radio provide unmatched opportunities for mnovation and diversity in the provision of entertainment, culture and information. Why should these facilities be so grossly underexploited?

Lastly, it should be borne in mind that the programmes are so cheap to provide that there is no need for finance from advertising. The French local stations do not carry any advertisements and are supported by voluntary contri-butions and voluntary labour.

Given the opportunity here, have no doubt that voluntary groups religious, ethnic or political, or others, such as universities or aficionados of particular kinds of music - could exploit opportunities which currently are open only to those who break the law, with considerable sympathy from Yours faithfully,

ALAN DAY, 9 Bingham Street, N1.

### Future of Hong Kong Sir, Mr Nicholas Lyell QC, MP (March 10) argues that as only 55,000 of the 90,000 approved Mode

From Mr John Walden Sir. The Sino-British negotiations on the future of Hong Kong have now been going on for almost 18 months. From the very outset official spokesmen of the three governments repeatedly promised that they would seek the views of the people of Hong Kong on their future. They also gave clear public assurances that the arrangements being made to super-sede Crown Colony Government in 1997, would be satisfactory to the people of Hong Kong.
If generally accepted meanings are

ascribed to the words used in these two undertakings the implications are obvious. To honour them it is first necessary to carry out a systematic and open survey of public opinion, to ensure that all who wish to state a view have an opportunity to do so.

It is then necessary to publish, in draft, proposals for the system of government in Hong Kong after 1997 and invite the public's comment on them.

undoubtedly continue to do so.
Fourthly, the cuts imposed on many valuable schemes are not Finally, because Hong Kong has neither broad-based political parties nor fully democratic institutions to represent the public, it will be necessary to hold a referendum on the amended proposals to ascertain their acceptability.

Unfortunately, up to the present there has been no indication that the three governments are going to accept the implications implicit in ine promises of "consultation "consensus". The British and Hong Kong governments have actively discouraged public discussion of the 1997 question in the Legislative Council and even in the partially elected district boards, although these were set up only recently to reflect the concerns and aspirations of ordinary people. So much for the promise of consul-

As for "consensus", the possibility of a referendum on the arrange-ments agreed between Britain and China was ruled out by the Hong Kong Government early in 1983. The Peking Government, on the

other hand, went to a great deal of trouble to demonstrate that it wanted consultation of a kind with Hong Kong people. Over the past 18 months many Hong Kong citizens and organizations have been invited to Peking, or were consulted in Hong Kong. The contacts were selective, and those most influential in business and the professions were preferred. The impression given is that the

Peking Government's idea of consultation is to seek support for Peking's preconceived plans rather than to seek an accommodation with the views of Hong Kong people although, to be quite fair, the Peking Government has shown that it is not unwilling to tailor those plans to suit Hong Kong's free-wheeling lifestyle.

Sooner or later members of Parliament will have to vote on proposals put before them on the future of Hong Kong, If they wish to be sure that these proposals take into account the views of the people of Hong Kong, they should press now for an independent commission of enquiry to ascertain what those views are. Clearly, this task cannot governments concerned. Yours sincerely,

JOHN WALDEN, St John's College, University of Hong Kong, 82 Pokfulam Road. Hong Kong.

### A Polish rejoinder

From Mr Michael Thomas

Sir, Mr Richard Lamb's letter (February 25) draws attention to the relationship between Montgomery and the Poles. Montgomery's signal lacks all credibility for anyone who had worked with the Polish forces during the war (I was a liaison officer with 1st Polish Armoured Division during the search in the polish forces in the polish Division during the campaign in France, Belgium, Holland and

Germany).
Throughout their history the Poles have been known for their outstanding and sometimes outrageous gallantry. However, their relationship with Montgomery was ill-starred from the outset.

As General Maczek, Commander of the 1st Polish Armoured Division, records in his book, Avec mes Blindes: "When Montgomery first inspected the Polish forces training in Scotland be asked me: 'Which language do you actually speak at home, German or Russian?' !"

After Yalta, where the Allies were forced to accept Stalin's demand for almost half of Poland's territory, the British High Command became worried whether the Polish forces could still be trusted to continue to

fight loyally. Montgomery asked Maczek for lunch. Maczek told him that he came from Lwow, now to be ceded to the Russians.

Montgomery interrupted him, laughingly: "All the better. You will now be a Soviet general."

Maczek's reply was icy: "Although it would be difficult to establish any comparison between the Polish and the Russian armies (on the one hand) and between the British and American armies (on the

other), what would you say if I offered you the rank of general in the American army?" Montgomery

When Montgomery visited the Polish headquarters at Breda during the winter of 1944-45 the Field Marshal was given the Polish order virtuti militari fifth class! Small wonder in the circumstances. Yours faithfully, MICHAEL THOMAS.

Blumenstrasse 5, 2000 Hamburg 60, Federal Republic of Germany.

### Rates levy on moorings From Mr Hugh Robinson

Sir. The Commodore of the Woodbridge Cruising Club (March 6) needs a bit of support after being slapped down by John Charman (March 10) as he brings out into the open a threat which is causing concern to yachtsmen all around our

Although it is suggested that moorings have been raiable since 1967 and that rates have never been collected because of the insuperable difficulties of actually doing this, I suggest that this is not the only

The fact is that the local authorities provide no facilities whatsoever to boats on moorings, except possibly policing, no rubbish collection, no services, no car parks, no street lighting, to name but a few of the facilities provided for the rates we all, or rather most of us, pay. The councils must realize this.

Yours faithfully, HUGH ROBINSON, Commodore, Emsworth Sailing Club, 55 Bath Road, Emsworth, Hampshire.

### Church and remarriage

From the Reverend Alan Wilson Sir, Is Chancellor Moore (March 1) correct in thinking that his is the one "centuries old doctrine" within the Church of England? He might have been beheaded for suggesting such a thing in 1533. The Church has never sought to minister to-any group of sinners, except divorces, by a mixture of private acceptance and

public exclusion.

For example, she has made it plain, Sunday by Sunday since 1552, that Holy Communion is exclusively for those who "truly and earnestly for those who "truly and earnestly have been supported by the statement of the statement o repent of their sins and are in love and charity with their neighbours". Perhaps this ideal is one which some communicants have on occasion failed to realise. Yet the Church's standard of teaching survives and offers every communicant an untar-

nished aspiration. The ideal would be subverted, not by letting failures in, but by changing the words of the service. Would it have been more fully

permissive, charitable, and realistic approach, the Church had decided to summarily excommunicate any-body who did not appear to measure up to her standard? The Church must take the theological facts of life seriously.

realised if, instead of adopting a

Tension between aspiration and reality is actually a part of practical Christianity. It may be illogical that, in Christian lives and marriages, being children of God, "we do not yet appear to be what we are" (I John 3.2); but you cannot dispose of the tension by administering stiff doses of the rules to a few groups of obvious sinners.

To live with such tension is the work of grace, not law. To minister to all sinners, privately and in public, by the consistent application of Grace is the work of a real Church.

Yours etc., ALAN WILSON. St John's House, 9 South View Avenue Caversham, Keading, Berkshire,

### Research benefits from Antarctica

From Mr G. de Q. Robin Sir, Discussions of "Rights in Antarctica" (Evan Luard, March 17) and "Unity of interests in Antarctica" (Sir Donald Logan, February 23) tend to neglect a major benefit to man of Antarctic research. Initiatives for much of the research in this remote area come

from the scientific community through the non-governmental In-ternational Council of Scientific Unions (ICSU). This body organised the International Geophysical Year of 1957-58 which, thanks to support from many governments, stepped up Antarctic research to its present level and led to the Antarctic Treaty. Since the IGY various global research programmes related to man and his environment have been organised by ICSU, often in collaboration with UN agencies. The Antarctic component of such programmes is assessed by ICSU's

Scientific Committee on Antarctic Research, whose members in turn pass its recommendations on to their own governments. International science and the world in general owe much to Antarctic Treaty governments for supporting this research. Hopefully

non-Antarctic representatives will take the opportunity to express their appreciation when the next UN General Assembly debates question of Antarctica". Yours sincerely,

G. de Q. ROBIN (UK delegate, Scientific Committee on Antarctic Research).

Scott Polar Research Institute, University of Cambridge, Lensfield Road, Cambridge. March 19.

### Westminster milestone

From Mr Colin Robertson Sir, in the Palazzo Publico in Siena

there are two magnificent frescoes by Ambrogio Lorenzetti - "The Allegory of Good Government" and The Allegory of Bad Government". The former shows scenes of

harmony, industry and general well-being while the latter depicts discord and devastation. Present local government policies

in Westminster, which include library closures, the disposal of cemeteries, of Caxton Hall, of architects and of cleaners, the withdrawal of necessary funds from many voluntary organizations, the closure of children's homes and the underprovision of home helps to those in need, would make it appear that 400 years on we have little reason in Westminster to celebrate an Act for the good Government of the City and Borough of Westmins-ter" (letter, March 19). Yours sincerely, COLIN ROBERTSON (Secretary,

National Union of Public Westminster Branch District

Committee), 29 Lancaster Road, W11.

### Wilton art bid

From the Director of the J. Paul. Getty Museum Sir, I should like to comment on an

item of February 24, headlined "Getty bid for Wilton art refused". The story, we feel, carries the implication that the J. Paul Getty Museum has been employing dealers to persuade Lord Pembroke to sell art treasures from his collection. This is not true. We do not use agents of any kind to act on our behalf in the acquisition of works of

art, nor have we done so. We are aware that some dealers may, for their own reasons, choose to give a contrary impression, but it is difficult to see how we can prevent

Whether Lord Pembroke is planning to dispose of part of his collection is a matter for him to declare. We have not approached him nor asked anyone to do so on our behalf, nor have we received an offer from him.

Thus there was no Getty bid for Wilton art, as stated in your headline, and consequently no refusal. Yours faithfully, JOHN WALSH, Director.

The J. Paul Getty Museum, PO Box 2112,

Santa Monica, California 90406, USA. March 2.

### Abolition of surcharge

From Mr D. G. Lindsay Sir, Having, rightly, abolished the investment income surcharge on the grounds that it was an "unfair and anomalous tax on savings and on the rewards of successful enter-prise", why did the Chancellor not go on also to abolish the distinction between "investment" and "earned" income in relation to married

To leave married women now as the only category penalized for having investment income is unfair and discriminatory. Yours faithfully, DAVID G. LINDSAY, 36 Orchard Coombe, Whitchurch Hill,

Reading, Berkshire. March 16.

### Comparative values From Mr J. C. Nowell-Smith

Sir, Before the Budget it was rumoured that VAT would be levied on newspapers. It now seems that the rumour has been substantiated to the extent that the contents of newspapers worth digesting (if hot) are to be subject to the tax at 15 per cent but The Times remains zerorated.

Yours faithfully.
JOHN NOWELL-SMITH, 21 Seymour Walk, SW10. March 19.

# Spectacular value

From Mr S. Bercow Sir, Recent controversy about the cost of eyeglasses makes my

experience relevant. While on holiday in the Algarve last month I had the misfortune to lose my spectacles. Friends advised me to go to an optician (there are only two) in the nearby town of Vila Real de Santo Antonio.

He tested my sight immediately, offered me a wide choice of fashionable frames, had the spectacles ready for my collection, complete with attractive case, in 24 hours and conducted the transaction with courtesy and efficiency. The cost? 1.950 escudos, which, as

practitioners and authorities in

sterling.

nearly as makes no difference, is £10 It would appear that both

I am, Sir, yours truly,

Britain need to examine their positions and combine in an agreement that will release long-suffering members of the public in these islands from exploitation.

March 19.



# **COURT AND SOCIAL**

### **COURT CIRCULAR**

March 21: The Queen this morning attended a Service at St Columba's Church of Scotland, Pont Street, to

mark its Centenary.

The Queen was received on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Greater London (the Baroness Phillips) and the Mayor of the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea (Councillor Mrs lain

Hanham).

The Service was conducted by the Right Reverend J Fraser McLuskey (Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland and Minister of St. Columba's). assisted by the Very Reverend Dr R Leonard Small (Minister Locum Tenens).

After the Service Her Majesty attended a Reception in the Church

University news

Elections and appointments

WADHAM COLLEGE: To an Honorary
Fillow's IV Denny Roberts, OC.

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unner research fellowship, from October 1,
1984, Christine M Temple, BSC GI
Andrews, MA, Linacre College: To a
Radellife travelling fellowship, from March
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Professor Henry Walton, of the

department of psychiatry, is to have the Hanarary Degree of Doctor of Medicine conferred by the Univer-sity of Uppsala, Sweden, on May 29.

Mr Mark William James Ferguson, BDS, BSc. PhD (Belfast) to a chair

of trasic dental science from June 1. Mr Christopher David Garner, BSc. PhD (Nottingham), C Chem, FRSC.

senior lecturer in chemistry, to be

professor of inorganic chemistry

from March I. Mr Ian Moffat Smith, BSc, PhD

(Glasgow). MS (California), DSc (Manchester). C Eng. MICE. M

Amer Soc CE, reader in engineering,

to be professor of engineering from

March I. Mr Henry John Foster Jones FCA to be stressor of Illumice

The following senior lecturers to be

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The following appointments have been announced by University College, Cardiff:

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Eccles inducations. Mr E Evans
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mathematics. Dr D H Horroris inectical a
electronic producering. Dr P C R Hughes

Science and Engineering Research Council: L67.000 to Dr S Phillips of the department of spoiled mathematics and astronomy: L48.696 to Professor R H Williams for Presench on transition relations, and tare arrives are to transition relations, and tare European Research Offices E48.820 to Professor Williams for a project on metal contacts to especialistic

Honogary degrees are to conferred on the following:
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Rolls: Mr Punchardsheram Coorner roy Singapore's Andressadee in the States. Sir Edward Thompson. It course of the university.

Church news

Scottish Episcopal Church

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Mr D Bull (electrica) ngineering); Dr P G Edwar Dr T G Hughes (civil

Oxford

Manchester

His Royal Highness. Chancellor, was represented by Dr T J Lunt (Charman of Council and Pro-Chancellor of the University of Salford) at the Service of Thanksgiving for Dr Clifford Whitworth (the

Forthcoming

Mr J. P. Mursell and Miss L. M. Harris

Mr P. J. K. Bisgood and Miss I. S. L. Slater

Barnes, London,

and Miss B. A. Stemp

Mr P. R. Dymond and Miss C. T. Kennard

Mr P. F. England

Mr P. J. Hawker

Walden, Essex.

Ayres.

and Miss A. Ayres

Mr J. H. G. C. Monteith

Mr Richard Quayle and Miss C Richardson

Mr P. F. Russell Jones and Miss S. M. King

and Mirs P. E. Niven

and Miss C. A. Wren

Mr A. Brock

Stemp.

The engagement is announced

between James, younger son of Sir Peter and Lady Mursell, of Wisborough Green, Sussex and Louise, daughter of Mr and Mrs G. Harns, of Bridgewater, Somerset,

The engagement is announced between Patrick, only son of Mr C. J. K. Bisgood and the late Mrs C. J. K. Bisgood, of Fetcham, Surrey, and

Imogen, eldest daughter of Mr H. D.

Slater, of Staunton Harold, Leices-

tershire, and Mrs C. I. Slater, of

The engagement is announced between Aart, elder son of Mr and Mrs A. Broek, of Vlaardingen, Holland, and Barbra, daughter of Mrs Doris Stemp, of Radlett, Hertfordshire, and the late Mr W. J.

The engagement is announced

between Paul, elder son of Dr and Mrs W. R. Dymond, of Paris and Ottawa. and Claire, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs D. S. Kennard, of Park House, Burford, Oxfordshire,

The engagement is announced between Peter Francis, elder son of

Mr and Mrs R. G. England, of Melbourne, Australia, and Charlotte

Ann, daughter of Mr and Mrs W. L. Wren, of Chislehurst, Kent.

The engagement is announced

the engagement is announced between Patrick, youngest son of the late Mr W. H. Hawker and of Mrs Hawker, of Burton Bradstock, Dorset, and Philippa, youngest daughter of the Mr C. R. Niven and of Mrs Niven and of Mrs. Timbebase

Mrs Niven, of Harare, Zimbabwe.

Charterswood, Ascot. Berkshire, and Kerena Brodie, daughter of Mr

Alan Henderson, of Eaton Mews North, SWI, and Mrs Antonia Gore, of Widdington, Saffron

The engagement is announced

between James, elder son of Mr and Mrs A. M. C. Monteith, and Anita,

elder daughter of Mr and Mrs J. F.

The engagement, is announced between Richard, younger son of the late Mr John Quayle and of Mrs t Quayle, of Sompting, West Sussex, and Caroline, daughter of the late

Mr Colin Richardson and of Mrs C. Richardson, of Albury, Surrey.

The engagement is announced

between Patrick, only son of Mr and

Mrs. B. Russell Jones. of Long. Compton, Warwickshire. and Susan, second daughter of Mr and Mrs. C. M. King. of Guildford.

marriages

were in attendance.

Gloucester was present.

Resources, this morning launched the WWF/IUCN International Plants Conservation Programme at the Royal Botanic Gardens. Kew

Brian McGrath was in

first Vice-Chancellor of the Univer-Mrs John Dugdale. Sir William Heseltine and Major Hugh Lindsay sity of Salford) which was held in the Peel Hall, University of Salford The Queen and The Duke of today Edinburgh gave a Reception this evening for winners of The Queens Awards for Export and Technology in 1983 at which The Duke of

CLARENCE HOUSE
March 21: Queen Elizabeth The
Queen Mother, Colonel-in-Chief,
Royal Army Medical Corps, this
evening honoured the Director
General Army Medical Services
(Lieutenant-General Sir Alan Reay)
and the Officers of the Corps with
her presence at Dinner at the
Headquarters Mess, Millbank,
Mrs Patrick, Campbell-Preston
and Sir Martin Gillist, were in
attendance. CLARENCE HOUSE The Duke of Edinburgh. President of World Wildlife Fund International and Vice-President of the International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural

attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE March 21: Princess Alice. Duchess of Gloucester as President, this morning attended a Meeting of the Ladies' Guild of the St John Ophthalmic Hospital in Jerusalem at !. Grosvenor Crescent, London. Mrs Michael Harvey was in attendance.

The engagement is announced between James Rhodes, only son of Mrs I. Stott and the late Mr R. Stott, of Hopton Old Hall, Mirfield, West Yorkshire, and Deborah, only daughter of Mrs I. Turner and the late Mr N. Turner, of Smugglers Walk, Goring-by-Sea, West Sussex.

The engagement is announced between John Peter, elder son of Mr and Mrs J. M. Trickett; of Mill

Farm, Harewood: Leeds, and Amanda Frances, daughter of Mr and Mrs Nicholas Willink, of Greenhills, Crook, Kendal.

The marriage has been arranged and will take place in Johannesburg on April 14, 1984, of Richard, elder son of Mr and Mrs Ian Weston Smith, and Kirsten eldest daughter of Dr Ronald St Blaize-Molony and Mrs John Hidderley, of Marston Hall, Wolston, Near Coventry, Warwickshire

The rugagement is announced between Charles Stewart, elder son of Mrs P. F Garnham, of Pluckley, Ashford, Kent, and the late Mr Leslie Wink, and Diana, eldest daughter of Mr J. Brown and Mrs E. Brown of Glasson.

The marriage took place on Saturday, March 17 at St Ninian's Roman Catholic Church, Dundee,

of Dr Michael Basquill, eldest son of Mr & Mrs T. Basquill, Paddington, & Dr Diane Wade, eldest daughter

The marriage took place on March 18 between Mr Martin Corke and

ley, Gloucestershire, and Mrs Lisbet Holmes, nee Kampman, of 14 Nocl

The marriage took place in Oxford, on March 17, between Mr Chris-

topher Pollock and Miss Sarah Mitchell

and Miss 5. J. Railton

The marriage took place on Friday,
March 16 in Christchurch
Cathedral, Port Stanley, Falklands,
between Mr Simon Powell, son of
Brigadier and Mrs George Powell, of
Tytherion Lucas, Chippenham,
Wiltshire, and Miss Sara Railton,
daughter of Lieutenant-Colonel and
Mrs Jeremy Railton, of Deptford,
Warminster Wiltshire, The Rev. H.

A reception was held at the residence of Sir Rex and Lady Hunt.

of Mr & Mrs W. Wade, Dundee.

Mr. J. R. Stott

and Miss D. Turner

Mr J. P. Trickett and Miss A. F. Willink

Mr R Weston Smith

Mr C. S. Wink and Miss D. Brown

Brown, of Glasgow.

Marriages

Dr M. P. Basquill

and Dr D. Wade

Mr M. D. Corke and Dr F. M. Marks

Dr Frances Marks.

Mr C. H. D. Pollock

and Miss S. Mitchell

and Miss S. J. Railton

Mr S. F. Powell

and Mise K. B. Henderson

The engagement is announced between John Moore, only son of Mr and Mrs J. F. McMillan, of Charlerswood, Ascol. Berkehim

shire.

and Mrs K. Cavendish

YORK HOUSE, ST JAMES'S PALACE

March 21: The Duke of Kent, Vice-President of the British Overseas Trade Board, this morning visited Davy McKee (Sheffield) Ltd. and ter inspected contingents of the ombined Cadet Force at Endcliffs. Hall, Sheffield

In the evening His Royal Highness was entertained by the Company of Cutlers in Hallamshire at their Annual Feast which was held at Cutlers' Hall, Sheffield. The Duke, who was attended by Captain Charles Blount, travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

A service of thankseiving for the life of Mr Raymond Mander will be held at the Actors' Church, St Paul's, Covent, Garden, at noon

today.

A memorial service for Lord

Amulree will be held today at noon at St Margaret's; Westminster.: Mrs David Pollock-gave birth to a

### Birthdays today

Lord Alport, 72; Air Marshal Sir Denis Crowley-Milling, 65; the Right Rev Dr E. B. Henderson, 78; Admiral of the Fleet Sir Caspar John, 81; Dr. H. Kay, 65; Sir William Lindsay, 77; Mr Andrew Lloyd Webber, 36; M Marcel Marceau, 61; Lavinia Duchess, of Norfolk, 68; Lady (Frederick) Oglivie, 84; Sir Lynden Pindling, 54; Sir Bryan Roberts, 61; Mr Paul Rogers, 67; Mr Stephen Sondheim, 54; Lord Stokes, 70; Mr Leslie Thomas, 53. . . .

### High Sheriffs: of Sussex

Both make their declarations of office at the Law Courts, Lewes, on Monday, April 2.

# Company of Tobacco

The following have been elected officers of the Company of Tobacco Pipe Makers and Tobacco Blenders

### Gresham's School

been awarded:

County Scholarships: M C A Agey, Tow. Close: 6 A Butcher, Cresture's Junior.

Latest appointments Latest appointments include:

Professor John Morris Roberts, Vice-Chancellor of Southampton University to be a Trustee of the National Portrait Gallery in suc-cession to Mr John Jacob Gross.

Mr George England, Mr David Mitchell and Mr Robert Stevenson to be additional prosecuting counsel to the Department of Health and Social Security on the North-eastern



M's Jeremy Railton, of Deptford, Warminster, Wiltshire, The Rev H. Bagnall officiated, assisted by the Rev J. McNaughton.

The bride, who was given in marriage by Major-General Keith Spacic, was attended by Miss Josephine Dehnel, Major Jeremy Langlands. Queens Dragoon Guards, was best man.

A reception was held at the Gallery

Major-General John Cain Cowley.
of Nuthurst, near Horsham has been appointed High Sheriff of West Sussex, and Captain Samuel Richard Le Hunte Lombard-Hobson, RN, of Laughton, near Lewes, has been appointed High Sheriff of East Sussex.

Both make their declarations of

# Pipe Makers and **Tobacco Blenders**

for the ensuing year; Mustur, Mr H E P Counting: Wardens, Mr G E S Wicklowson, Mr L A Graputs, Mr R Dunkill and Mr D P C Harris.

# The following scholarships have

Decin awarded;
The "Fabrintenger" Scholership: D
Kenny, Old Buckentham Hall.
Fishmongers Company Scholarships:
Erown, Perre School: R P & Fishmin
Tavortenn Hall E B O Wallann, Gretham
Junior: J Barber, Gresham's Junior. 50

present were:

Mrs Lawson (widow). Mr and Mrs Steven
Spurrier inco-in-law and daughter), Mrs
Caroline Marwell-Bullon daughter). Mrs
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Caroline Marwell-Bullon daughters.

Mrs and Mrs Steven (grand-children).

Marcus Marwell-Bullon (grand-children).

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### MR MARTIN WHITELEY Horseman and schoolmaster Mr Martin Whiteley, who died suddenly on March 17 while umpiring the field game at Eton, was a distinguished horseman who had several successes of his own in horse trials, and who later played an important part in the international victories of the British team as chairman of the Horse Trials Selection Committee. He was 53. As a competitor be won Little Badminton twice, the second time in 1965 on his famous

Thinking big: Dr Peter Smith with a model for the Alexandra Palace (Photograph: Orde

# 'People's palace' to rise again

Alexandra Palace, the "palace of the people" built in 1873, is about to rise from the ashes of a fire which severely damaged it in 1980 in a £35m reconstruction which should be completed in

The fire, the second in the palace's history, destroyed about two-thirds of the buildings. After extensive work to remove the fire damage, work has started to rebuild and restore the palace to its former glory. While the outside will be restored to its original Victorian style, the interior will be different.

Announcing the project yesterday, Mr Louis Bizat, general manager of Alexandra Palace and Park, said: "The heart of the palace is being transformed into a modern events facility." It will offer facilities for activities including conferences and athletics.

Dr Peter Smith, the project architect, who has been closely associated with the palace since the early 1970s, said that one of its main attractions lay in the provision of a totally unobstructed floor space of 10,000 square metres. There is no

other venue in this country which will be able to boast such a modern events facility within a structure of notable historical importance and merit," he said.

The project is being financed by a trust set up to run the palace, whose funds include £8.5m from the Greater London Council when it handed over responsibility to Haringey council, and the insurance payment of £18.2m. The investment of the money has now produced a sum of £43m.

It is intended that the palace will be self

financing, and in addition to the main public halls, there are plans for a hotel, drama school, television museum and concert hall. There is also provision for the restoration of

the famous Willis organ, which was built in 1875 and contains 6,000 pipes. A separate appeal fund has been set up to raise the £500,000 needed for its restoration. The park will be improved and a special conservation area has been set aside for rare

plants and for bird and animal wildlife not siormally seen in the London area...

### Funeral Mr D. Lawson

Luncheons University College London. The funeral of Mr Derek Lawson took place on Saturday, March 17, at Passenham Church, Northamptonshire. The Lord Lieutenann and High Sheriff of Northamptonshire. The Lord Lieutenann and Lighthilf. Provost, presided. Among those present were;
Sir Geotire: Finsbers: MP: Mr Not
Stanbrook: MP, Mr Brian Sengersore: MP,
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E A Ash. Professor D V I Fallweather and
Professor M L McCophan. were present. The Rev Arundel Barker officiated and the Archdeacon of Northampton gave an address. The lessons were read by

Master Mariners' Company Captain G. W. S. Miskin, Master of the Master Mariners' Company, presided at a luncheon given on board HQS Wellington. Victoria Embankment, yesterday, Mr Peter Muller also spoke.

British Tourist Authority Sir Henry Marking, Chairman of the British Tourist Authority, held a luncheon at the Royal Society of Arts yesterday to mark the presentation of the BTA Tourism Awards to Mr James Herriot. Dr Michael Kelly and Viscount Tonypandy. The Lord Privy Scal.

the Secretary of State for Scotland, and the Minister of State for Wales were among those present.

### Dinners Speaker

The Speaker and Mrs Bernard Weatherill gave a dinner in Speaker's House yesterday evening.



1912 Club

Mr. Graham Bright, MP, was the guest of honour at a dinner of the 1912 Club held at the House of Commons vesterday at the in-vitation of the club's chairman, Mr Roger E. Sirus, MP. A vote of thanks was proposed by Mr Morgan H. Davies.

Coachmakers' and Coach Harness Makers' Company

Mr L C. Hunting, Master of the Coachmakers' and Coach Harness Makers' Company, presided at a court and livery dinner held at Ironmongers' Hall last night. Mr A. R. Maidens, Mr P. F. Green and Mr D. D. Chelliman attraction R. D. C. Dallimore also spoke. Faculty of Anaesthetists The Faculty of Anaesthetists held a dinner last night at the Royal College of Surgeons of England. The

principal speakers were Mr Alasdair Milne. Sir John Wahon. Dr D. Bruce Scott and Professor Donald Campbell. The other guests included:
Lard and Lady Perritt Lord and Lady
Smith, Professor Sir Robert and Lady
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Cortion Robson, Sir Desmond and Lady
Pond, Sir James Watt, Dr Alleen Adams,
Professor and Mrs R C Caurtan, Mr and Mrs
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Hoffspherp, Mr and Mrs R S Johnson-Galbert, Dr and Mrs J A R Lawson. Professor

# Latest wills

Mr George Arthur Spinks, of Sir Robert Annesley Wilkinson Lytham. Lancashire, dental sur. Dent. of Penrith, Cumbria, Clerk of

Coldfield. West Midlands, left estate from France after the Normandy valued at £1.040,889 net. landings, left estate in the United Mabel Harding, of Fleet, Hamp- Kingdom valued at £403,841 net.

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Altied Brewery Traders' Association The annual dinner of the Affied Brewery Traders' Association was held last Monday at Groavenor House. Mr. G. F. Symondson, national chairman, presided. The principal suests were: Viscount Montpotnery of Ademeirs, Wi Brian Johnston, Mr C H Tidbury and Mr G

The Earl of Lauderdale The Earl of Lauderdale entertained the All Party Group for Energy

Studies at dinner vesterday evening in the House of Lords, Mr. Peter Walker, Secretary for Energy, was guest of honour, Others present

guest of honour, others present included:

Mr David Crouch, MP triadration, Lord Bishopston, Lord Brightshaw, Cord Brightshaw, MP, Mr David Lien, MP, Mr McCornald Molone, MP, Mr David Lien, MP, Mr Cornald Molone, MP, Mr Torn Speling, MP, Mr Torn Speling, MP, Mr John Walson, MP, Mr James Write, MP, Mr Gordor Wisson, MP, and respectationives from associate organica-tions.

### Trade Policy Research Centre

Dr Karl-Heinz Narjes, Com-missioner for the Internal Market, Commission of the European Community, Brussels, was the guest of honour at a dinner given by the Trade Policy Research Centre at the Cafe Royal last night. Sir Reay

### Service dinner Lowland TARVE Association

Mr Tom Morgan, Lord Lieutenant of the City and County of Edinburgh and Lord Provost of the City of Edinburgh, was the guest of honour at a dinner given by the TA&VR Association for the Lowlands of Scotland at the Howard Hotel, Edinburgh, last night to mark his retirement as a night to mark his retirement as a vice-president of the association. Lieutenant-Colonel William Swan, president, was in the chair and Brigadier Peter Stevenson, Brigade, was also present.

### Receptions International Festival - Liverpool

Lord Aberconway, Commissioner-General of the International Festival - Liverpool 84 was host at a reception held yesterday evening at the Royal Horseguards Hotel in honour of Ambassadors, com-missioners-general and members of the Diplomatic Corps from those countries participating in the festival.

### **Meetings**

National Maritime Museum Dr Basil Greenhill and Mr Owain Roberts gave the fourth Paul Johnstone Memorial lecture at the National Maritime Museum, on Tuesday, March 20, before an invited audience, on "The Arby Boat Reconstruction and Trials".

### shire, left estate valued at £744,274

Mr Goorge Arthur Spinks, of Sir Robert Annesley Wilkinson Lytham. Lancashire, dental surgeon, left estate valued at £1,432,477 net. After other bequests, he left the residue equally between St Cuthberts Church, Lytham, the Lytham St Annes & Fylde YMCA, the Salvation Army and the NSPCC.

Mr Reginald Duckitt, of Sutton Coldfield, West Midlands, left estate range after the Normandy valued at £1,040,889 net.

horse, The Poacher, In 1968, when the effects of a back injury some years before were begin-ning to tell, he generously lent The Poacher to Sergeant Ben Jones to ride in the British team which won the gold medal in the Mexico Olympics.
Since 1960, when he left the

Army, he had been a master. and later a housemaster, at Eton, where his energy and wide-ranging interests were appreciated by both masters

**OBITUARY** 

and boys.
Whiteley was himself educated at Eton, and went from there to the Rifle Brigade, beginning as a national service. man, but finding that he enjoyed it so much that he signed on. He spent some years n Germany and in Malaya during the emergency. A stint as Adjutant of the Corps at Eton opened his eyes to the joys of schoolmastering, and when he left the Army, largely as a result of his back injury, he was invited to join the staff.

He had no degree, which precluded classroom teaching, but was given responsibility for physical training, the Corps, the tutoring of specialists and the bandling of the general list of would-be entrants. He threw himself into games and beagling, and showed another side with his remarkable collection of English water-colours, and his enthusiasm for both art and

Meanwhile he was pursuing his great love of horses. He was quick to spot the potential of the growing sport of combined training now known as horse trials. In spite of his back trouble be had the two wins at Little Badminton, and in 1967 he rode The Poacher in the British team which won the three-day event in the European championships at Punches-

From 1969 to 1972 he was chairman of the Horse Trials Selection Committee, and during that time British teams won two European championships and the world championship, as well as carrying off the team and individual gold medals at

the Munich Olympics. In 1980, after being involved in every aspect of the sport, Whiteley became chairman of the Horse Trials Committee, and with great calm and skill steered it through the difficulties caused by the withdrawal of the main sponsor. He insisted that there should be no lowering

of standards, and there was not.

A highly intelligent and cultivated man, Whiteley did not find fools easy to suffer, and his manner could be brusque and abrupt. His instructions in the Eton gymnasium were given in clear and unmistakable tones. But there was never any question of his integrity or concern, and the many friendships he made, at Eton and elsewhere, were long-lived. He is survived by his wife Anne, whom he married in 1971, and three daughters.

### MR J. A. WALLACE

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Elite Synco

Mr James Alan ("Al") Wallace, a prominent oil executive who had a close association with the late Paul Getty, died in Vancouver, British Columbia, on January 25. As president and managing director of Getty Oil (Britain) in the 1970s he worked at Sutton Place, and after Getty died in 1976 he lived in the Elizabethan mansion and pre-sided with courtesy and patience at business and social functions there.

After graduating at the University of British Columbia in economic geology Wallace was awarded a Socony-Vacuum (now Mobil Corp) fellowship for graduate study at Leland Stanford University, California He served in the Second World War, mainly on airfield con-struction in Western Canada, and then had a distinguished career as a geologist with Mobil Oil in the Middle East and elsewhere, before being appointed exploration manager,

Mobil North Sea.
It was in 1972 that he joined Getty Oil Company as adviser in Britain to Paul Getty, before becoming managing director of Getty Oil (Britain). At Sutton Place he was able to give reign to his love for the English countryside, and at his private residence at Cobham he planned and maintained a garden immaculately. He is survived by his wife Barbara and one son. 🔒

Mr Roderick Alexander Rice. executive director of Cable & Wireless Ltd since 1965, died on March 16 at the age of 61.

Signor Aurelio Peccei, the Italian industrialist who founded the Club of Rome, the influential group of industrialists, scientists and economists, died on March 14 at the age of 75.

Mr William Alfred Hobbs CB, CBE, who died on March 16, was Chief Valuer of the Board of Inland Revenue from 1972 to 1974.

# Science report Atom studies may extend life of artificial hip joints

One of the most successful developments in orthopaedic medicine has been the artificial hip joint, which has restored normal activity to thousands of people past their mid-fifties who are severely handicapped by arthritis or other causes. A new advance in to make total hip replacements could ensure that the artificial

The new improvement is a reflection of the history of cause it is spliced into the most of the work on artificial femur.

joint has an increased life of

more than 30 years and the

prosthesis would be more

collaboration between surgeons, metallurgists and polymer chemists. It has come from research by a team working with Dr G. Dearnaley at the Harwell laboratory of the Atomic Energy Authority, experimenting with the materials, and a group working with Professor John Scales of the Royal National Ortho-paedic Hospital, London.

The artificial replacement is essentially a three-part device. There is a V-shaped metal readily available for younger body which slots into the top of the thigh bone. It is called the femoral component be-

The top of the femoral

component has the ball-shaped projection which in a normal femur would be the knob of bone which forms the joint with the hip bone. The socket into which the head of the femur fits is the acetahosmooth action of the normal joint, the acetabular cup is lined with a high density plastic to avoid friction.

Early artificial joints used to independ and other control of the control o stainless steel and PTFE plastic to line the socket. The

metal was relatively soft and the plastic cup inclined to

distort as an adult walking

down stairs can impose a

stress several times his or her body weight on the hip joint.

Harder alloys were gradually introduced, comprising a mixture of cobalt, chromium and molybdenum, and higher density plastics were adapted the steady wear.

to avoid deformation. However, some concern arose about the inflammation that is provoked if finely\_divided particles from the alloy were trapped in the joint because of That was one reason for moving to newer alloys such as a titanium, aluminium and vanadium composition. On the other hand, that material is a

It is against that background, that the scientists at Harwell have discovered a way of implanting a layer of atoms into the head of the titanium alloy ball which reduces the wear rates by 400 times. It gives the alloy a wear resistance similar to that of the toughest cutting tools.

The method of ion implan-tation of chosen atoms is used in materials for purposes such as special microelectronic devices. In the hip research, a layer of nitrogen atoms was introduced beneath the surface little softer than the other alloy and abrasion between the of the alloy to change to head and the cup gradually builds up. properties of the alloy.

# Red delphiniums set to banish the blues

iums, one of the most exciting events in the field of ornamental plant breeding in recent times, has now reached a stage where plants can be shown to the public.

Plants will be on display between July 12 and 22 at the international Garden Festival, Liverpool, at Show No 7.

Breeding began almost 30 years ago at the University of Wageningen in The Netherlands, by Professor Dr R. A. H. Legro, until his retirement in 1981.

orange-red flowers, the third being a species (D. elatum) from which our present blue varieties were derived.

The initial breakthrough was achieved when seeds of a hybrid from the two Californian species were treated with an alkaloid called colchicine to double the chromo-somes and form an artificial tetraploid. The resulting plants were then crossed with various varieties

Over a period of 15 years more than 12,000 plants have been raised from cross pollination. The quality improving year by year, in the search to create a plant which possesses all the characteristics of modern garden delphinium (tall, heavy flower spikes), but with red flowers.

on the market within the next few

During the evening before the show, the Cambridge University Press iguached The European Garden Flore, sponsored by the RHS, and on sale at the show.

# The development of red delphin- continued with Dr Legro as research

consultant. The challenge which the project presented in the beginning was considerable. In essence, it entailed the use of three delphinium species, two of which, from California, had

The research project was then tetrapioid. The resulting plants were transferred to the Royal Horticultural Society's garden, at Wisley, where the development work delphiniums.

Red Delphiniums are not yet commercially available but it is hoped that gardeners will see them

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# THE ARTS

# Television' Playboy in the evening

Marilyn Cole's only rival for the affections of the former Playboy Club boss Victor Lownes is an Amazonian monkey, Dulcie. Marilyn thinks Dulcie is spiteful but it is not a big thing. She knows Mr Lownes's affections used to be much more wide-

Lownes admitted in the concluding interview in BBC1's series The Other Half last night that he had "bagged a number of bunnies". When he met Marilyn, who had left a £15-aweek job in a Portsmouth Coop fuel office to become a £45a-week bunny in 1971, he aircady had a girl and a pair of twins living in his house. It was her first day and he shyly issued an invitation to a date through

His strategy then was to have one girl more or less visible and a number in the background. Marilyn moved in but moved out seven years later. "I missed your limousines", she told him last night. She survived without them for five years. Then Lownes. 20 years her senior at 55, had some bad luck. He fell off his borse and was fired from

It was a time for re-appraisal. He found himself comparing his relationship with Marilyn with others, a process, one imagines, that must have taken some time. Two years ago, former bunny and former boss were together again in the Hertfordshire mansion, once Earl Grey's, which also serves as a country club. They also have a house in Chelsea where he has a restaurant.

Sitting in the Hertfordshire jacuzzi with the foaming waters and the whirl of Ravel's Bolero, they looked a picture of nonnuptial bliss. He thinks she has winning personality; she thinks he has a great presence and, after a slight hesitation, accepted the interviewer John Pitman's word, "charisma". Lownes thinks he has it, too, and said so a couple of times.

Marilyn did not feel a kept woman. "He doesn't give me enough money", she joked, but admitted that whatever she asked for "he normally gives it to me". Lownes, who was divorced 30 years ago, was, she said, a very moral man. "That's get married couldn't take the vows." Her family respected her privacy. She recalled that, when she appeared as a full-frontal nude in Playboy, her mother had merely commented on how nice her hair looked. Grandmother has been slightly more intrusive, has asked if she were "still going with that old man".

Lownes said he was reliant on his personal life now, felt his responsibility, and had changed his will "so Marilyn is now an heiress". She was devoted to him and knew she had his undivided loyalty and affection.

Marriage flickered in and out in the programme, which might have appeared aptly under the Wildlife on One title, and Lownes felt he had gone so far that he had "proposed on television". "I think next year would be nice, don't you?", he asked Mr Pitman who, wisely

perhaps, kept his counsel. **Dennis Hackett** 

The Dresser, which opens in London this week, has already provided a further boost for British cinema and for its director, Peter Yates: interview by John Preston

# Growing out of the great tradition

bave mustered a strong presence in the Oscar nominations. Talk of a revival in our national film fortunes must remain guarded at home, but in Hollywood the British are reckoned to have hit a substantial winning streak. Top of this year's list with five nominations is The Dresser, starring Albert Finney (who won the Silver Bear for his part in it at this year's Berlin Festival) and Tom Courtenay, adapted by Ronald Har-wood from his own play and directed by Peter Yates. It opens this week after the Royal Première attended by the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh. Hugely popular in the theatre (it has

been performed in more than 20 countries), The Dresser still seems an unlikely candidate for the sort of commercial success it is currently enjoying in America. At least, it would be a brave producer who confidently expected handsome returns from a story about the relationship between an aging theatrical knight and his dresser, set, for the most part, in a dressing room in wartime Bradford, Yet Yates, who prudently produced as well as directed the film, says that, while he is gratified by the scale of its success, he is not especially surprised. "Americans really love to watch good performances by British actors and here I think they have got two great ones. Besides, it's very well written and it's the sort of story, both funny and moving that people can relate to irrespective of their nationality. I think there is a very large audience, especially in America, who want to go to films which they can listen to as well as look at."

This is the second time in four years that a film of Yates's has picked up five Oscar nominations — the first was Breaking Away in 1980. Other British directors may have cultivated higher profiles but few, if any, can match his track record. Resident in America for much of his career (he went out in 1967 at the invitation of Steve McQueen to direct Bullitt and stayed 14 years), Yates has been spending more time in England of late. He came back first to direct the fantasy epic Krull, which was quickly followed by The Dresser.

The two films could hardly be more different one cluttered with elaborate special effects, the other fizzing with more homespun verbal pyrotechnics. But then Yates has always tried to

within the commercial mainstream, while remaining steadfastly resistant to flights of self-indulgence. Now in the rare and enviable position of being able to pick his projects at will. Yates had been looking to make a film with a theatrical setting for some time. Having trained at RADA and having had an uncle who was an actor-man-ager, I really wanted to repay what I had got from the theatre. If the film encourages more people to go to the theatre than I will feel as if I have really

Nevertheless, Yates was distinctly wary of adapting a play for the cinema. His second feature film, back in 1964, was a screen version of N. F. Simp-son's One Way Pendulum, and since then he had deliberately steered clear of anything that had started life on stage. Ronnie Harwood and I sat down and talked very hard for two days before we made a final decision that there was a film here. I didn't want to find myself making something that could be made far more cheaply and efficiently for television. I had to be sure that there were ways of using images to tell the story and not just words. Once I was confident about that, we both agreed that the one thing we weren't going to do was to produce a little piece of nostalgia: a homage to the English theatre as it was. That would have been dreadfully cute and rather like wallowing in a theatrical print shop. Instead we wanted to say that these traditions may have passed but we should learn from them and grow."

For a director used to tackling elaborate action sequences and marshalling hordes of extras before his cameras. The Dresser with its small cast and modest budget might be thought to have presented comparatively few problems. On the contrary, Yates insists that it was the most difficult film he has ever made. "I could never have made The Dresser when I made Rulling." made The Dresser when I made Bullitt. One needs to be far more experienced as a director. The way in which one controls the audience has got to be exactly right otherwise the film could have been a catastrophe. All the elements have got to be very carefully balanced. You also had to make quite certain that none of the actors fell into excess. It's the hardest thing in the



Yates directing The Dresser, which he insists was the most difficult film he has ever made

world for an actor to play a ham because it's so much fun.'

However, Yates was able to draw on his own spell as an actor in rep. It may not have lasted long – he got such bad notices that he decided to become a racing driver instead – but the ence stood him in good stead. "I certainly didn't have to do as much research as usual. One knew instinctively what was right and what was wrong. But then so did all of us. It was rather like five doctors making a hospital film; we has a pretty good idea of what belonged where.

An engaging, unflappable man, Yates leads a curious peripatetic existence, going where the work takes him, with brief stopovers in his large Knightsbridge-house. "I feel like a tea planter much of the time. I do my stint on the plantation and come back to England every so often for my leave." Not that

Yates allows himself much leave.. "! always worry that if I ever stop I might not start again." His next film, based on Nicholas Gage's best seller *Eleni*, is due to start shooting in Greece in August and Yates hopes that it will be followed by another project with

In the meantime, there is the success of The Dresser to be savoured. Yates, not normally much of a one for selfcongratulation, admits to giving way to the odd twinge of pride. What gives me the greatest kick is that it should be a low-budget film and not some multi-million dollar affair. I believe that in England we can make reasonable budget films of very high quality better than anyone else. People said to me when Breaking Away came out, and was nominated, "Why can't you come and do this over here?" Well, I think what's rather nice is that now we have."

# **Broadcast** concert

# Essential

LPO/Tennstedt Festival Hall/Radio 3

The London Philharmonic and Klaus Tennstedt are soon to take Tuesday night's Mozart and Mahler programme to Hongkong and Japan. Audi-ences there will doubtless go to hear the orchestra; the majority of those in the Festival Hall almost certainly booked for Mahler, but the significance of the programme's little opening serenade. Mozart's "Haffner" Symphony, should not be

underestimated. It was illuminating simply for what it revealed about aspects of Tennstedt's perceptive and recreative methods. Pervading each movement was a strong tugging sense of rhythm as it were behind the notes: the presence of a pulse which regulated tempi and, seemingly intuitively, selected and subordinated detail.

This approach bloomed out as the central, if subconscious, generative force of bis Mahler Fifth Symphony. For precisely Tennstedt's ability to find that essential pulse and through it, a correspondance of accent, note-grouping and in-strumentation, which enables him to recreate that most difficult of all things. Mahler's uniquely multilayered tones of

It leads him, for instance, to find the ache and lurch of the waltz even within the beat of a funeral march; it sharpens his ears to the significances of a trumpet's fanfare triplet to its juddering, rasping echo in the nerve of timpani or solo viola. or to its manic metamorphoses in the second movement.

It chables him, too, to take what would, in other hands, be at best risks, at worst indulgences: the sliding of the strings into momentary near-dislocation in the Scherzo's inner waltz, or the laying bare of points of orches-tration within the cool grandeur of his Adagictto.

The reason Mahler always

works for Tennstedt is that conductor finds composer both in the core of his nervous sensibility and as self-examining spectator. And that, for all the sometimes over-heady detail of his readings, is something that, in the years ahead, London must never be tempted to take for granted.

Hilary Finch

 Claudio Abbado has been invited to become music director of La Scala, Milan, with immediate effect. Riccardo Muti has been invited to become, with effect from 1986-87, principal conductor of the La Scala orchestra.

# New music Full up on top

Fires of London Queen Elizabeth Hall

You do, it is true, meet the you were ever to turn around and find yourself in the jolting company of a cardinal, a jester, a middle-aged woman indulging in sexual fantasies and a pair of Mormon missionaries, only one conclusion would be possible; you had stepped into a musictheatre piece by Peter Maxwell Davies. So beware.

The fact that The No 11 Bus speaks so loudly of its creator, not to mention the Creator, says much about its quality. What Davies has produced is a vehicle, so to speak, for many of the things that have prothe things that have pre-occupied him in the theatre for the past two decades: they flit across the stage as passengers come and go on a rather crudely mocked-up version of the No 11 from Liverpool Street to

Hammersmith.

Perhaps this is by now inevitable, since the new work is the ninth full-scale piece of music-theatre Davies has written for the Fires of London. But the pointers to other works are too nagging and naughty to be discounted as a mere residue.

Most prominently, The No 11 Bus is a skit on Vesalil Icones, featuring again a black resur-rection to the absurd rhythm of a foxtrot, and developing once more out of a set of engraved mages: not anatomical drawings this time but tarot cards. To Taverner we owe the fooling of the cardinal, the exposure of the pope and the preacher's selfdelusion that he has tapped the hotline to God and found the means to save the world. Then the work ends, as Eight Songs for a Mad King had done, with jailer drummer to send us all out into the asylum of the real

If it be complained that these are in-jokes, one could argue that Davies has carned the right to take his earlier works as read; the presence of a capacity audience for this première would support the contention. The important point is that so many parodies of parodies bearay a lack of confidence in the genre. Davies's serious thoughts are now going into sonatas and symphonics, while music-theatre, even the style of music-theatre that was so crucial to him 15 years ago, is now a medium for the satyr and suggesting that Berg would play, the ribald and sometimes have had a staunch admirer in also touching entertaiment. Which would be all very well

if the piece did not also seek to embrace the archetypal char-

lady, a figure with whom Davies patently has very much less familiarity than he has with Antichrist, Dante and renais-sance magic. Mary Thomas-struggles gamely with the role, which has nothing of the intense character of the paired dances of the first half. They were disappointingly dimly projected under Gunther Bauer-Schenk, but they provide music well worth salvaging from the rest.

**Paul Griffiths** 

Arditti Quartet

Purcell Room There was disappointment for

those looking forward to hearing quartets by Bush, Cowie and Hoddinott in the latest of the Park Lane Group's British String Quartet series on Tues-day, the Medici Quartet had had to cancel because of an injury to their viola player. But the compensation proved hand-some, for the Arditti Quartet stepped in with a remarkable programme of music by Brian Ferneyhough, Jonathan Harvey and the young Britten. (The original programme is to be given later.)

Ferneyhough's Second Quartet (1980) perpetrates its composer's penchant for bemusing complexity, though from this performance one might be forgiven for thinking that playing it was a simple matter. Despite the elusiveness of its message, the work's violent, stammering rhetoric draws the listener towards and under its surface, just as in late Beethoven, a comparison Ferneyhough would surely relish. But it is perhaps the calmer, softer ending, as well as the intermittent silences, that give the vital clues to its meaning.

In contrast, Harvey's Quar-tet, a work of Messiaen-like spiritualism, presents all the answers at the beginning. Despite the negation of time and event created at the outset by the insistence upon a single pitch and its manifold harmonics, this is no minimalistic exercise. Instead, a simple tune is subjected to a variety of assaults and transformations, with Harvey adopting something of the manner of recent Stockhausen. A far and beautiful cry indeed from the Quartetino of Britten, written in 1930 his hands had Britten studied with him in Vienna as intended.

Stephen Pettitt

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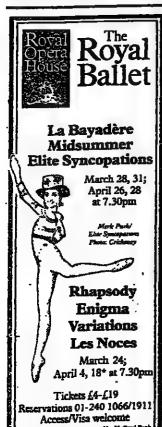
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# Requiem for a Heavyweight

Reserves of courage: John Lithgow cornered in

Some Kind of Hero Croydon Warehouse

A black soldier in Belfast if combining two subjects of such massive dramatic potential scens calculated, the result in Les Smith's play inspires such respect that you are sure it was not. Private James (Brian



### Theatre in Britain

Bovell) awaits court-martial never-ending tension and fear, after shooting his young, white, but then suddenly he is talking of constant racial insults and officer. Explicable, certainly, but the absence of surprise turns

out to matter very little.

For two-thirds of the play, however, Private James keeps up a barrage of fatuous jokes which is no more bearable for being plainly a form of defence through attack. He never leaves the stage (naturally) and seldom shuts up, while his defence counsel (Corin Redgrave) waits politely and an Irish psychiatrist (Eileen Pollock) smiles in some affection.

The scenes with his staff sergeant (Peter Rutherford) are worst of all, the pert humorist confronting a similarly relent-less onslaught of demands that the filthy nigger jungle-bunny clean up his cage.

The doctor, though, is a real old pro and the trick of holding a patient's silence, when one final occurs, starts a break-through. Mr Bovell, till then blazing with energy and ran-cour, shows his special gift for conveying intolerable pain. He begins with the job's

harassment inside and outside the Army, of "becoming a nigger" (as he strikingly says) in Handsworth at age 11, when the election in Smethwick next door started the muck flying: that tension and fear, too, never lets up. The little things hurt most: remembering to avoid London SW6 if Chelsea are

This scene is worth waiting for. Equally heartfelt, though coolly rational, is the doctor's account of what Belfast pressures do to people, the psychological shifts that are the price of coping.

playing at home.

Though James himself comes to insist fiercely that he killed as an abused Black, not as a mindan abused Black, not as a mino-blown squaddie, so eloquent and understanding is this speech as delivered by Elleen Pollock that its effect persists through an otherwise unam-biguous conclusion. Joseph Charles's strong direction shares

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# Theatre in the United States Haven of promise

fessional companies which established themselves throughout the country in the Sixties and Seventies. The Eighties have introduced another welcome development - the resto-. ration of old or erection of new performing arts complexes as part of our cities' efforts to rescue their urban centres from decay. Whether communities support so much arts activity is unproven, but spon-sors hope to bring back older and lure younger audiences to live entertainment.

A fine example of successful visions are filtered through exional theatres co-existing performance and audience reacwith a new arts centre may emerge in New Haven, Connecticut. Just two hours from Manhattan by road or rail, New Haven was once known as "The Birthplace of the Nation's Hits". From opening in 1914 until closing in 1977, its Shubert outs of any other playhouse, and an illustrious array of concert artists. Restored to its former cream-walled, rose-curtained grandeur, with a three-storied lobby area expanded to accommodate diverse events, the theatre recently reopened as the Shubert Performing Arts

Center. The occasion was celebrated with a rousing one-time-only show, While the Shubert Slept, featuring 14 Broadway stars, the American Dance Machine and the New Haven Symphony Orchestra performing songs from Broadway hits from the Shubert's seven dark years. One of the meiriest moments came when George Rose sang lyrics added to his Pirates of Penzance patter classic: "This is the very model of a modern major theatre". In its first months; the new complex will host touring plays and musicals, a classical music series, dance concerts, children's shows, a Brazilian carnival ball and even a travelogue series to attract

andiences.
The Yale Repertory Theatre
has so pleased its audiences that it is adding a week to its runs next season to accommodate subscribers. Formed as an adjunct to the Yale Drama School in 1966, the professional company offers a full season of classical and modern plays (often with Broadway and film stars) and there is a series of student productions in which future stars may be cutting their teeth. Among productions originated by the Rep and transferred to Broadway have been Arthur Kopit's Wings and Athol Fugard's A Lesson from Aloes and Master Harold and

school's Dean since 1978, is a survive. major influence in the develop-

America's truly national theatre ment of new American play-rests in the network of pro-wrights. Also artistic director of the Eugene O'Neill Theater Center's annual National Playwrights Conference (whose alumni include Sam Shepard and Lanford Wilson), Dean Richards established Yale Rep's Winterfest of new dramatists four years ago. Given pro-fessional productions (one of which, this year, featured James Earl Jones), works run in repertory for seven weeks.

During this period their authors are encouraged to continue developing the plays

as they observe how their

Because the plays are considered works-in-process, critics are asked not to review but only to describe them. This policy may save some budding dramatists pain, but the 1984. Winter fest staff need not have worried. Theatre presented more than as all littree offerings presented double the pre-Broadway try-authors with distinct, wellmodulated and absorbing voices. In Philip Bosakowski's fantasy. Chopin in Space a character representing the Pol-ish composer and Lech Walesa went on a journey through time which intermingled incidents from Chopin's life with events in Poland's history. Michael Quinn's The Sweet Life was a naturalistic drama about workers in a candy factory, and Russell Davis's The Day of the Picuic mixed comedy and terror when an African witch doctor

infiltrated an American nursing home in search of revenge. New Haven's second regional playhouse, the Long Wharf Theatre, nears its twentieth season playing to record sub-scribers as well as to New York audiences. In the past year alone, Long Wharf productions of A View from the Bridge and American Buffalo have enjoyed runs on Broadway, and Quarter anting. Terms of Repoducy maine's Terms off-Broadway. The theatre's most recent production, staged by its artistic director, Arvin Brown, may also move to New York. The première of the television writer Rod Serling's original stage version of Requiem for a Heavyweight, it boasted a good performance by Richard Dreyfus as a seedy manager, and a great one by John Lithgow as an unsuccessful heavyweight.

Best known to film audiences as the transvertite in The World.

as the transvestite in The World According to Garp, John Lith-gow is also a Tony-winner (for The Changing Room, a 1973 Long Wharf transfer to Broadway). In his portrayal of the fighter who must find a place for himself outside the ring, he was like a bull mustering its last reserves of courage to travel the Boys. In May, YRT will through a china shop. With a mount the world première of powerful supporting cast, the Fugard's new play, The Road to late Mr Serling's 1956 drama fecca. played as more up-to-date than Lloyd Richards, the Rep's period in its depiction of men artistic director and the drama, who must learn new skills to

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Share prices have been shooting ahead this year. The infant SE 100 has already recorded a rise of almost 13 per cent. The FT 30 reached the then unprecedented 800 mark only 10 weeks ago and buoyand dealers are already willing it on to the millenial 1,000 by early summer - a time whigh often marks a seasonal peak.

The pace and extent of changes in equity prices are more a matter of mood rather then calculation. Yet if the doubling of share prices since the start of the current bull market in January 1981 may seem extravagant, in a market that takes an essentially short-term view, it is the direction of the underlying forces that counts on most counts these forces still look favourable.

Historically, stock market prices have reflected the interplay between interest rates and the trend of company profits, adjusted for political upsets and reassurances. In recent years, especially since the abolition of exchange control in November 1979, the foreign exchange market has also become an important influence. All four fundamentals - interest rates, corporate profits, politics and sterling - are giving the stock market

thumbs up. After lagging long behind the decline in the inflation rate, mainly because of the exploding US financial deficity, domestic interest rates have again started moving down. Given the high level of real interest rates, there is still scope for further reductions in the medium term, if all goes

Results from top companies - from oil

and chemicals to engineering, as well as the more expected growth sectors - are still showing a strong uptrend in profits. Pleasant surprises outnumber shocks, like of Rockware. Future profits growth may be less dramatic than during the recovery phase, but there is every reason to think that it will remain strong, representing genuine internal progress and not simply

Mr Nigel Lawson's first Budget was a bonus, which produced important tax benefits for the stock market on stamp duty, the investment income surcharge and, with mixed results, corporation tax. Just as important, the Budget portended further general tax cuts as well as reforms in capital gains tax in the remaining budgets of this parliament.

The position of sterling is more problematic. After all, the pound reached a record low against the dollar in early January and the effective exchange rate is still weak. However, the general back-ground has improved, with the dollar seemingly well over the top, Anyone preparing to jump on to the share bandwagon at this later stage should however, keep constant weather eye on the foreign exchanges.

The more certain test for the continuance of this bull market is nearer home. Starting from late spring, the cash flow of the big institutions will be met by wave of big new isues from Reuters and Mirror Group Newspapers to British Telecom, with the airlines just waiting for a place in

Whether or not the FT index makes it to 1,000 - and such rapid rises as we are seeing invariably produce shortterm, profit-taking reactions - the old adage "sell in May and go away" is worth remembering. The situation can always be reassessed on Derby Day.

# Return from the Tombs

The Bank of England's industrial lifeboat is a shadowy operation, in sharp contrast to the secondary banking rescue which was conducted in the glare of press and market comment. However a navigation light can occasionally be seen. Yesterday the market even heard the cry of the bo'sun, as Sir Francis Tombs, a Drake-like chairman of Turner & Newall, told how Britain's troubled asbestos mining and industrial products giant had performed during 1983. He had a good story to tell.

Pretax profits for the year to December 31 were £12.5m, compared with losses in 1982 of £19.3m. Total dividends for the year, after the recommended final of 0.75p. amount to 1p (0.25p), and Sir Francis is forecasting a jump in 1984 profits of not less than 50 per cent. Analysts yesterday slotted in a possible pretax figure of £21m, which yields prospective earnings of 11 4p, and at 94p, a target multiple of around eight.

The summarised group balance sheet which accompanied the profit figures demonstrates the scale of the turnround. Net borrowings have fallen from £139m to £57m; present liabilities are down roughly £100m to £186m; and the ration of net debt to equity is down to 23 per cent from 55 per cent.

Sir Francis, a Wedgwood Benn groupie and former chairman of the Electricity Council until he resigned in 1980, spelled out details of the drastic surgery which brought the cure. Businesses have been sold, notably the stake in Hunt Chemical last March, and divestments raised £63m. Capital investment was trimmed to £4m. The British workforce fell from 12,000 to 9400, and in the first half at least the group indulged in a savage bout of destocking. The net effect was an increase in trading profits from £12m to £23m.

As a result Turner & Newall should leave the lifeboat sooner rather than later. That, at least, is one interpretation of the chairman's comment yesterday that the credit agreement with the banks, nego-tiated at the end of 1982 when Sir Francis was headhunted for the job by the Bank of

England, expires in December 1984 but he hoped to terminate it well before that date. To an extent, the Turner & Newall shareprice has kept pace with the group's

improving fortunes. Down some 6p yesterday on the figures to 94p, the present level is still a long way above the end-1982 quotation of 23p. And thereby hangs a

Sir Francis negotiated a fairly extraordinary deal with the Prudential, Turner's only large institutional shareholder, two years ago, as his price for heading the rescue team.

He arranged an option to buy 500,000 shares at 23p in three tranches over three years. Last November, he drew down the first tranche of 166,000 shares. In addition, and in a separate arrangement with the bankers in the lifeboat, Sir Francis negotiated a fee over three years related to any increase more than 23p in the price of a notional 2 million shares in the group, up to a ceiling of 50p. He has collected the first third of the fee, which was worth £180,000.

A new daily column analysing company performance and market trends begins in The Times tomorrow.

On the face of it, Sir Francis stands to collect just under £1m. But as he points out himself, the net value of the deal, after tax, is worth a mere £360,000, which spread over three years, is just £120,000 a year. Moreover, the Inland Revenue will take over £500,000.

The Prudential has seen a stake which looked like a write-off appreciate in value by around £4m:, while the institutions as a whole, and many new ones apparently have appeared on the shareholders list. have participated in an improvement in Turner & Newall's market worth since December 1982 of around £80m.

To paraphrase Earl Macmillan, the operation has been good for Sir Francis, good for the Prudential, good for the investment community, including the lifeboat - and also fairly cheap.

# N Sea warning to Sun Oil after order goes abroad

By David Young, Energy Correspondent

The British subsidiary of the The British subsidiary of the world's largest oil company, Esso, yesterday announced a big investment programme in the North Sea, as the Government criticized another "American oil company for ordering North Sea equipment from abroad.

The Government's determination of the covernment's determination of the search of the covernment's determination of the search of

nation to extract maximum benefit from its North Sea oil essets was underlined by a warning yesterday to the 10th largest oil company in the United States, which is being seen as a threat that could ultimately be challenged in the international courts. Sun Oin of Dalles, which is

also the 18th largest corporation in the United States, has confirmed that the rig to operate its Balmoral field will be built in Gothenburg.

British Shipbuilders had hoped that its Cammell Laird yard on Merseyside would secure the £111m order. Confir-mation of the order to Gotaverken of Sweden, says British

Shipbuilders, means the yard's likely closure.

£82m profit

as BICC

recovers

By William Kay City Editor

power equipment group, yester-day unveiled a set of yearly

figures aimed at clearing the decks for a significant recovery

Profits for last year emerge at

£82m, slightly above market forecast but inevitably well short of 1982's £99m. Sales

were £102m ahead at £1,901m.

The final dividend is 7.04p.

making an unchanged total of

The extraordinary debit item is increased from £6.1m to

£10.2m, logging the cost of shutdowns and provisions against investments. Reorgani-zation costs, including redun-

dancy, cut operating profits by

Lord Pennock, the chairman

was able to say with that behind him: "The group enters 1984 in a strong financial position. Improvement experienced in

the latter part of 1983 is

expected to continue into 1984,

but the going will not be easy."

Despite that caveat, Lord

Pennock's words do not contra-

dict City enalysts' predictions of

is bound to be at the mercy of

the world economy, the outlook

is good for British cables,

Beatty construction business.

The international division is the

wild card, particularly as it is

not expected to come good until

• Severe price cutting in the bottle industry last year plunged

the Rockware Group from a

£605,000 profit to a £12.8m loss for the year. Turnover fell by £10m to £131.5m and again

rationalizing their big refractory

businesses, according to indus-

Last year Hepworth increased

pre-tax profits by 36 per cent, from £24.6m to £33.5m. The final dividend of 3.8p will

lifting the years total from 5.6p to 6.3p.

£100m this year.

the second half.

there is no dividend.

rationalization costs.

worst is over".

return to profits of about

While a group of BICC's size

£7.3m, against £3.6m before.

BICC, the engineering and

The company's argument that more than 70 per cent of

total spending on the Balmoral field will be in Britain has been rejected by Mr Alick Buchanan-Smith, the Energy Minister, who has insisted that British industry should benefit from British oil.

Mr Buchanan-Smith has told Parliament that if the Swedish order was confirmed, he would "scrutinize carefully" future attempts by the company to win British offshore licences.

Sun Oil as a major explora-tion company, will be hoping to win new blocks in the coming ninth round of North Sea licence awards. The company says it has already spent more than \$2 billion in Britain. North Sea oil industry ana-

lysts and legal experts have interpreted the threat to keep Sun Oil out of future North Sea licensing rounds as "ill-con-sidered and potentially unlaw-Esso's British subsidiary is to

invest £4.5 billion in operations Britain between now and 1990, continuing a programme to stay the leader in petrol sales and in North Sea exploration. The current year will be a

companies to give their work-

forces some share in their improving finances. Company profits rose by 25 per cent last year, according to Government

figures published on Tuesday.

Over the coming year, the Treasury expects improved

productivity and the abolition

of the national insurance

surcharge to keep down the rise in labour costs. But in the

competitors overseas, will have

Government hopes of lower

February is based only on two

of its five components - interest

rates and share prices - and may be revised later. But all the

inflation are to be fulfilled.

come down further if

The longer leading index for

production drilling in the North Sea by Esso, with 29 new wells drilled, and the company estimates that total spending in Britain this year will keep 4,000

profits in Britain of £420m after tax, and announced a dividend payment to its US parent company of £590m, £170m of

The figures also show that Esso UK increased tax and royalty payments to Government last year by 40 per cent, to £1,463m, and turnover by 24 per cent to £7.5 billion.

this coming from reserves.

Mr Archie Forster, the chairman and chief executive, said that trading conditions were still difficult but that return on assets had increased from 8.3 per cent in 1982 to 17.3 per cent last year.

Mr Forster said yesterday that an estimated 85 per cent of money spent by Esso in British investments in the next six years would be spent with

Mortgage

rate down

at NatWest

By Peter Wilson-Smith

Bank of Scotland are cutting the

National Westminster is

reducing rates on repayment mortgages by half a per cent to 10.5 per cent. On an annualized

basis this is roughly in line with the 10.25 per cent building society rate. New borrowers will

reduction soon.

something shortly.

inking Correspondent

National Westminster and

# Index at record

Share prices burst through the all-important 900 level yesterday, amid a renewed wave of buying from leading City

Most of the buying was centred on leading blue chips, where the jobbers remain pitifully short of stock after the market's recent record-breaking run. American arbitragers provided the only spark of inspiration, helped by the outlook for the British economy in the face of rising interest rates in the

US.

Selective support boltered
Hawker Siddeley 10p to 434p
and ICI a similar amount to a
new "high" of 628p. Oils also
encountered selective support,
with BP spurting 14p to a new
"high" of 490p, but the big high
street banks lost ground, still
reflecting fears over the extra
provisions for deferred taxation.
Gilts recovered early falls of

Gilts recovered early falls of up to £/4. with the FT Government Securities Index closing unchanged at 83.15.

### STOCK EXCHANGES

FT Index: 901.4 up 3.8
FT Gifts: 83.15 unchanged
Bargains: 28,673
New York: Dow Jones Industrial
Average: (latest) 1176.40 up 0.638
Tokyo: Nitotel Dow Jones Index
10,413.8 down 65.92 Hongkong: Hang Seng Index 1157,29 down 11.83 Amsterdam: 170.3 up 2.0 Sydney: AO index 729.7 down 2.3 Frankturt: Commerzbank Index 1032.9 up 0.8 Brussels: General Index 444.80 down 0.17 Paris: CAC Index 161.4 up 0.5 Zurich: SKA General 305.80 down

### **CURRENCIES**

cost of their home loans and LONDON CLOSE Lloyds Bank will announce a Sterling \$1.4300 down 75pts A spokesman for Lloyds, which is the most expensive of Index 80.5 down 0.1 DM 3.7875 up 0.0050 the big banks for new bor-FrF 11.6550 down 0.02 rowers, charging 11.75 per cent, Yen 324.50 down 0.50 index 127.7 up 0.5 said: "We are expecting to make a move and will announce

DM 2.6485 up 0.0108 NEW YORK LATEST Sterling \$1,4340 Dollar DM 2,6342 INTERNATIONAL ECU 20.589313 SDR £0.736010

INTEREST RATES Domestic rates:

Bank base rates 81/2 Finance houses base rate 91/2 Discount market loans week fixed 3 month interbank 615/6 - 87/4

Euro-currency rates: 3 month dollar 10% - 10% 3 month DM 513/6 - 511/6 3 month Fr F14%-14%

Treasury long bond 9511/32 - 961/32 ECGD Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance Scheme IV Average Finance Scheme IV Average reference rate for interest period February 8 to March 6, 1984 inclusive: 9.373 per cent.

# Archie Porster: pledge on spending in Britain

Sun Oil placed the order two weeks ago - the first time that a British oil field production rig has been built abroad - after tenders from British yards. The company argues that by going alroad the Balmoral project can be kept on schedule, and £280m-worth of the £400m total investment will come to Britain. Two hundred staff are to be recruited in Aberdeen for

# **Indicators** point to continued revival

By Frances Williams, Economics Correspondent

is likely to continue well into next year, according to the latest indicators which track the course of the business cycle. The longer leading index, which looks about 12 months ahead, rose again in February,

Britain's economic recovery

boosted by booming share But there was darker news for the Government on inflation. The Confederation of British The Confederation of British longer run pay deals, which Industry reported yesterday that remain well above those of

pay settements in manufacturing so far this year have averaged 6 per cent, slightly higher than a year previously confirming earlier signs that the slowdown in pay deals of the past three and a half years has been halted. This seems to have been less

the result of increasing labour indicators are pointing in the militancy, than a decision by same direction.

of the world's leading greetings cards groups and also one of the

largest privately owned com-panies in the United States, is

reliably understood to be the mystery with which W N

takeover talks.

US link in Sharpe bid

Sharpe, the Classic greeting cards company, has opened Octopus Publishing Group control

Hallmark of Kansas City, one has already made a tentative £28m offer for Sharpe and was hopeful of winning the company's agreement to merge until the so far officially unnamed

third party entered the arena. On the stock market yesterday, Sharpe's ordinary share price rose 7p to 512p in anticipation of a battle for

its loans were still attractive.

### 10.5 per cent, is pushing the change through from the beginning of next month. There are doubts whether the other two big banks are likely to bring their mortgage rates down further in the near future.

Barclays, whose mortgage rate is 11 per cent has given no sign that it is planning a move. Midland, whose quoted rate is 11.25 per cent said it was looking at rates but it believed

# benefit immediately and exist-ing borrowers from May 1. Bank of Scotland, whose rates are coming down from 11.25 to

US rates Bank prime rate 11.50 Fed funds 10/8

# BICC

The Chairman, The Lord Pennock, comments......

Although performance in 1983 was lower than the previous vear, a substantial improvement was achieved in the second half. We will continue to benefit from the increase in economic activity in the industrialised nations but the rate of improvement will depend on the extent of the recovery in our most important markets especially overseas.

# Extraordinary debits took a further £5.1m out below the line. In the last three years the group has suffered £19m of

# But Sir Peter Parker, who resumed the chairmanship last summer, said yesterday. "The • Hepworth Ceramic, the building materials group, has begun talks with a West German company on ways of Results

### 1983 1982 £m £m historic cost basis 1901.6 1799.1 Turnover Operating profit 94.9 112.1 12.9 Net interest payable 13.5 82.0 98.6 Profit before taxation 36.3 **Taxation** 44.1 45.7 54.5 Profit after taxation Minority interests 11.8 14.4 Attributable profit 33.9 40.1 17.8 21.1 Earnings per share 10.54 10.54 Dividends per share

The results exclude extraordinary losses of £10.2m (1982: £6.1m).

The final ordinary dividend of 7.04p per share (1982:7.04p per share) will, if approved, be paid to ordinary shareholders registered in the books of the Company on 1 June 1984. Warrants will be posted on 29 June 1984, payable 2 July 1984. The results are based on the full

accounts of BICC Group for 1983 on which the auditors gave an unqualified report. Those accounts have not yet been filed with the Registrar of Companies.

The complete press release is available from the Secretary, BICC plc, P.O. Box No. 5, 21 Bloomsbury Street, London WC1B 3QN.

The 1983 annual report will be posted to share and loan stock holders on 18 April 1984.

The annual general meeting will be held in the Methven Room, Centre Point, 103 New Oxford Street, London WC1A1DU, on 17 May 1984 at 12 noon.



# NEWS IN BRIEF Insurance

Last year saw the largest insurance losses in the history of aviation with claims exceeding \$450m (£315m) against \$290m in 1982. The losses include \$35m for the Korean Boeing 747 shot down by Soviet fighters last August which was settled as a war risks loss. In total, 27 Western-built jets

loss record

were confirmed as total losses, including four wide-bodied aircraft, and three big partial losses to wide-bodied aircraft. Competition has held down

insurance rates. ONo meeting had been held between the boards of Stylo, the Bradford shoe company, and Harris Queensway by yester-day's deadline of the third closing date for the £35m offer from Harris.

Britannia Arrow, the unit trust group, is close to clinching a £55m deal to take over Singer & Friedlander, the merchant bank owned by European Ferries.

**GOLD** 

London fized (per ounce): am \$392 pm \$392.35 close \$592-392.50 (£273.50-274) New York (latest): \$392.25 Krugerrand\* (per coin): \$404-405.50 (£282-283) Sovereigns" (new): \$92-93 (£64.25-65) Excludes VAT

# Fogel family loses control

group after a £16.5m cash raising exercise.

Yesterday, the company reported much better than expected pre-tax profits of £7.05m for 1983 (against £7.05m for 1983 (against Mr Manny Fogel, the chair-£3.21m) and plans for a rights man, explained: "We just 1987.

The Government yesterday accepted the advice of the Monopolies and Mergers Commission and decided to block the proposed takeover of AE by Guest, Keen & Nettlefolds, its Midlands-based motor components rival.

components rival.

Mr Norman Tebbit, the

Secretary of State for Trade and

Industry, made the decision after accepting the unamimous

verdict of the commission that

a merger of the two companies'

activities would be against the

public interest.

The Fogel family is ready to relinquish effective control of the Home Charm do-it-yourself

The founding Fogel family invested in the company.

The founding Fogel family will not be taking up its full entitlement - it would cost £6.6m - which represts nearly 39 per cent of the issue.

conversion terms are equal to 166.7p a share and can be exercised for ten years from

for every five shares held. The

GKN bid falls foul of Monopolies Commission

Tebbit blocks AE takeover By Andrew Cornelius

> through. The result would be loss of added value and jobs in the British motor components industry.
> Sir Alan Neale and the other members of the six-man team which delivered the commission's verdict, said that they were unable to recommend any remedy to the remove the

public interest detriments which

products if the merger went

could be expected to arise from the merger.

GKN declared that the decision to block the merger The commission concluded represented a lost opportunity that it was particularly con- to restructure an important part cerned about the loss of of the British motor compocompetition in the supply of nents industry, and make it plain bearings and cylinder capable of matching inter-liners and the consequent national competition more increase in imports of these effectively.

Mr John Collyear, AE's chairman, was delighted. He said that he and his colleagues believed firmly that AE had a secure future as a strong and independent organization. He said the first quarter had produced pretax profits of £3m this year, against £400,000 for the whole of 1983, and that this progress would continue in the second quarter.

The 77-page report from the commission came as a surprise in the City, where it was widely expected that GKN would be allowed to bid again for AE. GKN's shares rose by 2p to 217p during the day, while AE's shares fell by 7p to 89p, as bid hopes faded.

BICC

CABLES, ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS CIVIL, ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

New Ruaion has about 16

acres under glass at Clacton-on-

Sea, Essex. on which it grows

house plants for sale to the

This trading year, the com-

were exceptionally poor, al-

though there was a record

A total of £197m of bills was

bought outright at established

rates, and the help was finally

topped up with £50m of loans

The close still proved rather difficult in spite of the appar-

ently generous programme of

through the afternoon, pushed

up to between 8 per cent and 9

per cent for final balances.

money, down to

per cent midway

main multiple retailers.

# **Applied Botanics shares** crash after profits hint

By Jeremy Warner

Shares in Applied Botanics, be aware that we will not make the pot-plant company which our forecast this year because of was floated on the Unlisted a change in sales pattern, Securities Market last October, though I would hope that the came down to earth with a shortfall is not going to be too thump yesterday when Mr serious, Mr Pertwee said. Jeremy Pertwee, the chairman. disclosed that the company's main trading offshoot. New Ruaton Garden, would not reach its forecast profits of £200,000 in the year to the end

Floated on the market at just 8.5p in October, the shares have since reached dizzy heights, pattern. October and November only to crash 7p yesterday to

16p after Mr Pertwee's warning though there was a record become were concerned that people were trading the shares at too high a level. They have to good.

### MONEY MARKETS

A main worry of the discount market at present is the low returning on March 28. level of suitable paper that the houses have available to sell to the bank of England.

So changes in the official forecast that saw yesterday's shortage rise steadily from £350m to around £550m was the last thing the houses needed. The Bank of England finally

provided £600m of assistance. though the bulk of this - £353m - again came via purchase and resale agreements.

These were arranged at For the market, Exchequer interest rates of  $8\%_6 - \frac{5}{3}$  per transactions were £135m in cent, with £166m of bills going surplus.

### FOREIGN EXCHANGES

about 71:

the chief spur.

The dollar witnessed profit- heavy for the dollar in the taking in foreign exchanges carlier part of the session with yesterday. Earlier the US crency the West German central bank made strong gains at the expense of most currencies.

Sterling which at one stage had lost more than a cent finished 75 points lower at

The pound's effective exchange index too came off the bottom but was still down on balance at 80.5 compared with 80.6 overnight. Sterling, however. made a useful rise at the expense of the Deutschemark. closing a pfennig up at

Dealers said demand was

MARKET REPORT • by Michael Clark

# Buyers push index to 901

A renewed welter of buying pushed the FT Index through the important 900-level yesterday as share prices continued their record-breaking run. Further optimism over the econamong the jobbers saw fresh demand for blue chips. The FT Index ended the day 3.8 higher at an all-time high of 901.4, while the FT-SE 100 index was 7.4 higher at 1130.7.

Dealers again reported brisk two-way business with American arbitragers again promican arottragers again promi-nent. Among leaders Associated Dairies rose 4p to 182p, BTR 7p to 484p, Beecham 3p to 338p. BOC Group 6p to 294p. Bowater 5p to 282p, Glaxo 7p to 862p, Hanson Trust 3p to 190p. Hawker Siddeley 12p to 434p, ICI 14p to 632p, Tate & Lyle 7p to 415p, and BAT Industries 1p

Gilts remained dull still reflecting the upward pressure on US interest rates. Prices rose up to £1/2 in longs, while at the shorter end they closed mostly

unchanged. The life insurance market received an unexpected boost from Britannic 15p higher at 463p. after figures. Equity & Law rallied 5p to 717p, along with Hambro Life 7p to 418p, Legal & General 7p to 483p, London & Manchester Group 6p to 451p. Pearl Assurance 12p to 744p. Prudential 10p to 446p. Refuge Assurance 19p to 455p and Sun Life 1p to 586p.

The composite market also opened firmer but lost ground as the day wore on. Commercial the West German central bank Linion lost 1p to 187p, but General Accident added 3p to being forced to sell \$30.15m at the fixing.

Speculation over the prospect 503p. Guardian Royal Exchange a similar figure at 556p. of higher United States interest and Royal Insurance 4p at rates and possibly a rise in the 586p. Minster Assets was unchanged at 131p along with Federal discount rate remained Phoenix Assurance at 433p.

The Deutschemark, which in oils BP started to live up was not influenced to any extent to expectations, climbing 15p to by a rise of DM1 billion in West a new high of 495p. Following German money supply, ended well off the bottom at 2.6485 (2.6365) to the dollar. The Swiss the Government's sell-off of a further 7 per cent of the shares in the autumn brokers had been franc was easier at 2.1765 (2.1635), along with the French Franc 8.1535 (8.1200) predicting the shares would hit a high of 500p before ChristUnit trust prices page 24

mas. However, every time the ers of cold forged fasteners. share price touched 430p it was suffered a £595,000 pretax loss hit by a welter of selling from omv and a shortage of stock the underwriters, which only served to depress the price. Now analysts are starting to look at the shares in a new light and reckon they look cheap compared with their nearest rival Shell, down 3p at 663p.

The rest of the oil market remained firm with prices ending the day better for choice after their recent neglected run. But Ultramar was the excep-tion, losing 12p to 712p reflecting the 500,000 shares that were overhanging the market, which now appear to have been cleared. Britoil hardened 4p to 270p, Carless Capel 1p to 231p, Clyde Petroleum 2p to 141p and Anvil Petroleum 1p to 91p.

Another firm market was Imperial Continental Gas 7p plies 33 overseas lotteries.

in the 17 months to end-December and is not paying a final dividend. So for the period the payment is a token 0.1p a share against 1p. The news was not unexpected and the shares held at 46p. The company, which turned in a better performance in the final five months, expects to pay a lp interim in its current year.

Electra Investment Trust has picked up another three million shares in sweets group Barker and Dobson and now has a shade over 6 per cent in it. The shares were unchanged at 1134p. Norton Opax, printers of bingo cards and lottery tickets.

gained 3p to 116p on the acquisition of four lottery contracts worth £1,5m in a full year. The company now sup-

Midsummer Inns, the pub chain once called CAMRA (Real Ale) Investments was unchanged at 160p following further share buying by the Hoar brothers who run a little brewery at Leicester. The Hoars are now by far the largest shareholders in the company with 24.3 per cent. A merger between their brewery, T. Hosking, and Midsummer could be in the sermenting ressel.

dearer at 306p. IC Gas has rationalization. Both the Calor Gas and its oil and gas exploration side continue to improve and there are signs in Belgium of an upturn in the group's interests. Hoare Govett. broker has consistently regarded the shares as a buy and this is a line now being taken by

In stores the upgrading of Dixon Group, the photographic retailer, continued. This time it is the turn of broker Philips & Drew which is looking for £20m in the current year and recommends the shares as a buy. This is also the view of broker Grievson Grant which remains a big fan of the shares.

several other brokers.

Machinetool makers Jones borne the brunt of the recession and Shipman gained 2p to 44p in recent years, but now appears to be bearing the fruits of recent pretax loss. The dividend is up a little - Ip against 0.9p.

Drinks shares were little changed with early gains wiped out as any follow through interest failed to materialize. There was the merest ripple in Greenall Whitley "A" shares which edged ahead to 38p. But the more widely held ordinary shares were unchanged at 148p. Belhaven Brewery held at 40p. It has acquired the Combes Hotel, Woolacombe, north Devon.

Shares of Securiguard, the security and industrial cleaning group, surged 13p to 136p after Mr Alan Baldwin, chairman, cheered shgareholders about first-half results. He estimates Linread, the struggling mak- that sales in the first quarter of

the current year are 54 per cent ahead of the comparable period last year. Meanwhile, contracts worth an estimated 27m are being negotiated. Most of these will be on the security side.

Shares of AE dived 8p to 88p after the Monopolies Commission ruled against the bid by GKN. The commission ruled that the bid would be against the public interest. AE's board asked shareholders not to lose heart and said profits during the first quarter of the current year would reach £3m against £400.000 for the whole of last year, GKN ended the day 3p

higher at 218p, after 214p. Among the newcomers Sys-tems Reliability advanced an-other 25p to 485p, Phillips & Drew, the brokers offered the 2 million shares at 270p earlier in the week attracting more than £685m with the issue more than 90 times oversubscribed. The shares now stand at a premium of 215p over the offer price,

The "big four" high street banks lost ground after yesterday's report in The Times. The market is worried by speculation that the big clearers might decide to join the growing rights issue queue to compensate for the Chancellor's decision in the recent Budget to increase deferred tax. Barclays dipped 10p to 514p. Lloyds Bank 5p to 577p. and National Westminster 5p to 647p. Only Midland gained ground adding 5p to 292p.

A stronger dollar and fresh speculation about higher US interest rates provided for a quiet session in the gold market where the builtion price continued to mark time. Among the heavyweight producers. prices lost ground but closed above worst levels. American Gold lost S: to \$12714 Buffels fontein S'2 to S67's. Driefontein S'2 to S39's, and Free State Geduid \$1 to \$4414

Equity turnover on March 20. was £404.106m (24.894 bargains). British and Irish stocks totalled 215.44 million shares and gilt bargains reached an estimated 3.567. **WALL STREET** 

# Shares mostly higher in moderate trading

13. 14 Fst latrix Brieg 39. 30 PPG lad 33. 34 Fet Penn Corp 5. Proctor Gamble

Shares were mostly higher in growth sector. carly trading yesterday.

The Dow Jones Industrial average was up more than a Advancing issues were about 7-to-5 ahead of declines. Trad-

ng was moderately active. Mr Thom Brown, executive vice-president and chairman of the investment policy com-mittee at Butcher & Singer, said: "Investor's expectations

have been dampened by the

New York (AP-Dow Jones) - poor performance of the high-

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# VG INSTRUMENTS PLC RESULTS - 1983

	£m	£m
Turnover	40.3	31.9
Trading profit	6.4	4.9
Profit before tax	7.3	6.5
Profit after tax and minority interests	3.9	3.4
Earnings per share	7.90p.	6.86p.
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After the recessionary effects of the previous year, 1983 saw big improvements in production and orders, as well as a strengthening of margins. We expect these improvements to continue in 1984 which will also benefit from the introduction of three new manufacturing areas and several new products.

Copies of the Annual Report may be obtained from the Secretary, 29 Brighton Road, Crawley, West Sussex, RH10 6AE.

# Buyers approach VGI

By Jonathan Clare

VG Instruments, the Grovemakes high technology measur-ing equipment, has received "two or three" approaches from business which would like to "Iwo or three" approaches from businesses which would like to 2060.

But yesterday's full-year re-

per cent stake it has retained.

VGI went public with a wood Securities spin-off which tender offer which flopped

The suitors include one of its sults for 1983 comfortably principal US competitors, but exceeded the offer document's Grovewood has shown no inclination to sell any of the 69 company made £7.3m against

# KENNING MOTOR GROUP p.l.c.

Distributors and Retailers of Cars, Commercial Vehicles, Petroleum Products and Tyres, Concessionaives for John Bull Tyres, Specialists in Service and Parts, Long Term Contract Hire, Car and Van Hise, Bodybusiders Manufactures of Electric Vehicles, Road Tank Vehicles and Remoulded Tyres. Operators of Motorway Service Areas, Insulance Brokers and Travel Agents. Developers and Retailers of Leisure Property.

Year Ended 30th September 1983	1953 E000	1982 £000
Turnover Profit before Taxabon	326,381	287,890 8,204
Dividends Distributed	2,533	1.795
Shareholders Funds 587.4m Itssued Capital and Reserves	Capital Employed	1 £92.2m

Copies of the 1983 Report and Accounts may be obtained from the Secretary, Manor Offices, Old Road, Chesterfield.



# The Charities Official COI **InvestmentFund**

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	Value 31/12/83	% Change 1983
ncome Shares	239.96p	+23.6%
ccumulation Shares	643.72p	+24.6%
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Income Share dividends were increased from 13.10p to 14.00p in 1983.

- A common investment fund under a Scheme of the Charity Commissioners. Available to any charity in England or Wales.
- A Special Range investment, No division of a charity's capital required under the Trustee Investments Act.
- Income Share dividends paid free of U.K. Income Tax.

To: The Charities Official Investment Fund. 77 London Wall, London EC2N 1DB. (01-588 1815)

Please send me a copy of the 1983 Annual Report.

results of Kleinwort, Benson, Lonsdale ple for the year ended 31st December

1983 (unaudited) (audited) Profit after tax £21.7m £20.0m Total dividend per share Earnings per share 39.7p36.8pShareholders' funds £215m £197m Capital resources including loan stock, deferred tax and minority interests £293m Total assets £4,240m £3,702m

NatWest

Mortgage Rate

With effect from 22nd March, 1984 for new borrowers, and 1st May, 1984 for

existing borrowers, the NatWest Mortgage Rate pavable under current Mortgage Deeds

and Conditions of Offer will be decreased by ½% to 10½% p.a.

**& National Westminster Home Loans Limited** 

· 41 Lothbury, London EC2P 2BP.

"The results for the year are appreciably better than anticipated at the interim stage."

Copies of the Annual Report will be sent to all shareholders on 5th April 1984. Further copies will be available from the Secretary

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The International Merchant Bank

# **Britannic Assurance**

PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY

1983 £000	1982 £000
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# **BONUS DECLARATION FOR POLICYHOLDERS**

Ordinary Branch Reversionary Bonuses

**PLUS** 

increased scale

of terminal bonuses

**Ordinary Policies** Annuities £6.65% (1982 £6.40%) (1982 £5.35%) of sum assured of annuity

**Industrial Branch** Reversionary Bonuses

£4.30% (1982 £4.20%) of sum assured

special reversionary bonus and increased scale of terminal bonuses

Britannic Assurance Covers the Country

# Diana Geddes on growing tension between policy and unemployment

### "The originality of our proposals, compared with those French Cabinet bites of other countries, is that we do not wish to see any redun-dancies", M Pierre Mauroy, the the bullet of French Prime Minister, said last month when announcing his government's proposed mea-sures to soothe the pain of what is called industrial "reconstrucindustrial reform tion". Further details of its plans were due to be finalized at vesterday's cabinet meeting, but have been put off due to the crises in the EEC and Lebanon.

30,000 in steel (out of a total workforce of 95,000) over the next three years; 30,000 in cool by 1990; at least 5,000 in shipbuilding (out of a workforce of 20,000) by 1986; 13,000 in the car industry this year alone; and 50,000 in the construction industry. M Mauroy no longer talks of keeping unemployment to the two million mark, but simply of avoiding compulsory redun-dancies. The number of unemployed rose by a further 58,000 last month, bringing the total increase since last October to 160,000, up 8 per cent over the past four months.

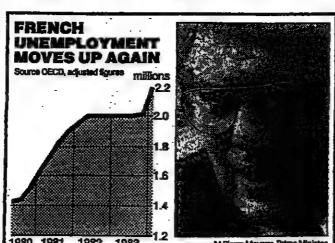
Until then, the Government The Government hopes that most redundancies can be had achieved a remarkable success in containing un-employment largely by a variety achieved through natural wast-age, including early retirement. Where that is insufficient, it is social measures, including proposing as part of its indusretirement from 55 in certain trial reconstruction measures a sectors, as well as an overall scheme of "redeployment leave", under which workers made compulsorily redundant reduction of the statutory retiring age from 65 to 60, a cur. in the working week from 40 to 39 hours, and the introduction would receive 82 per cent of their net salaries for up to two of youth training schemes, These were designed to mop up 800,000 of the unemployed under 25, though the poor takeyears while retraining. If after that they have still not found a job, they will be eligible

up has kept numbers well below for the normal redundancy payments. The idea, however, and the way in which the scheme is being sold to the It is now generally considered that not much more can be done with those kinds of unions, is that they will somehow have found a job. palliatives. However, independent experts are forecasting an acceleration of industrial job Over the next two years, some 10.000-15,000 workers are exlosses from an average of 100,000 a year over the past five years to 200,000-300,000 this pected to be involved in the scheme, which is to be limited to the coal, steel and shipbuild-

ing industries. That has provoked criticism from some unions, which feel that what is right for some must be right for all. Similar criticisms are levelled against the other main innovation in the Government's proposed measures, namely the creation of 14 "industrial conversion zones" covering selected threatened areas and partly modelled on the British enterprise zones, in which special tax incentives will be available for companies preserving threatened jobs, or creating new ones.

### New package

strikes this year than in the The Government's new package of industrial reconstruction (official and unofficial) in some measures is expected to cost of the key industrial sectors Fr4.5 billion (about £400m). make dramatic reading: 25,000- That includes an additional Fr1 in office, then found its hands



the 18 months after that. Only

in the last three months has it

really begun to grapple with industry's long-term problems. The size if the social and

economic task now confronting

the Government is making

The Communists blandly insist

that there is no overmanning

problem in French industry,

and, therefore, no need for any job losses. The left-wing

"Ceres" faction of the Socialist

Party, led by, the former industry minister, M Pierre

Chevenement is becoming

increasingly outspoken in its

criticism of government policy,

and has renewed its call for

economic growth (with the inevitable trade protectionism

President Mitterrand appears

determined to forge ahead,

however, despite the increase in

industrial unrest and unpopularity that his policies are

certain to provoke in the short

term. His rating in the opinion

polls is already at a record low

challenge when he believes he is

right - and he does.

that that would entail).

some of its supporters quail

billion for the nationalized industries, which will now receive nearly Fr14 billion this year, and an extra Fr2 billion for the private sector, bringing its total of government aid to

Despite that increase in government funding however, the hoped-for increase in now seems unlikely. Investment has fallen progressively since 1974 (by as much as 13 per cent between 1974 and 1981), and as a result French industry has fallen badly behind that of most of its main competitors. Employers' lack of confidence in exacerbated an already deteriorating situation.

### Suffering

Much of French industry is suffering from serious over-manning, excess capacity, and outmoded, uneconomic plant. Although the Government now insists that industrial recon-struction has not suddenly dawned on it overnight, it did concentrate on expansion rather than contraction in its first year

stormy. The truce with unions is over. Wages, which rose in real terms by an average of 3 percent a year between 1972 and 1982, producing an increase of producing an increase of nearly 35 per cent over the 10 years, have since declined slightly and look set for a further cut this year. It is the first time since the war (except for a slight hiccup in 1980) that French workers have been asked to accept a cut in their standard of living. The Government is hoping to

limit wage increases to 5 per cent this year, in line with its inflation target. But an increase in prices of 1.4 per cent in the first two months of the year makes that target look increas-ingly unattainable, and the unions are fully aware of that. The opening shot of the battle to protect the purchasing power of wages was fired this month when thousands of public service workers took to the streets, bringing a day of chaos to schools, the transport system, electricity supply, and postal

### Elections

The rise in memployment is more than full in coping with the new economic rigeour over source, not only of dismay and fear, but also of anger. One of the Socialists' key election promises was that they would cut unemployment, then rising at an annual 20 per cent. The new government promised to reverse the long decline in the coal and steel industries.

Those promises have not been kept. Coal output has continued to fall, totalling only 18.5 million tons last year, and now looks set to be cut by further 3 to 6 million tonnes while steel production, which was to have been increased to 24 million tonnes by 1986, has fallen to 17.5 million tonnes.

There are some positive signs for the Government, however. Compared with their British counterparts, the French unions are weak and disunited. The Government is therefore likely to be able to push through its reconstruction quicker than in Britain. It is also likely to benefit from the pick-up in the world economy, which should help dampen the effects of its relatively late

for any President under the Fifth Republic, but that does not deter him. He relishes a But the government is in a it must have the worst behind it by 1986 if it is to stand a chance of winning the parliamentary elections in the spring of that The path ahead will be

economic recession.

Meantime, it intends to batten down the hatches, and wait for the expected storm to pass, while trying to keep the

# Aspinall Holdings up £21m

Aspinall Holdings yesterday reported profits of £79,64m for the year to November 30 last against £58.1 for the same against 258.1 for the same period last time. Turnover rose to £19.75m from £15.94m.

Gaming licence duty totalled £4.22m against £2.97m with other operating costs at £4.33m.

Operating profit rose to £11.19m from £8.47m, and

pretax profit was up to £15.11m from £8.98m. Last night the group's share price was up 5p to 140p. As announced in December

last, the group purchased 4,778,905 ordinary shares of Anglo-Scottish The group intends to retain this holding as an investment and shareholders will be ad-

The board says that development of the group will be organic as far as the gaming ctivities are concerned and by way of an acquisition policy it is intended to diversify the group both within and outside the

vised on any change in this

The transter of the gaming activities to the new premises in Maylair, London, for which a gaming licence was granted in May 1983, is expected to take place at end of the current

### In brief

• HANSON TRUST: Hanson 359,731 preference shares (89.93 per cent). Offers remain unconditional as to acceptances and are extended to April 3, 1984.

to April 3, 1984.

• W.W. GROUP: In 1983, pretax profits rose from £683,000 to £1.06m on turnover up from £25.15m to £26.73m. Total dividend 7.94p (6.93p) net a share. Board confident further progress will be and a in turnous team. will be made in current year.

• ARMSTRONG EQUIPMENT: In the half-year to December 31, 1983; this engineering group

1983; this engineering tromp managed to, recover to a pretax profit of £1.05m, against a loss of £1.23m last time. Sales rose from £51.92m to £56.97m. An interim dividend of 0.2p net a share is being paid; for the previous year, there was no interim payment, but a final of only 0.1p net. With all divisions now trading profitably the board. now trading profitably, the board expects further improvements in the second half-year. The first two months confirm this view.

SIRDAR: The knitting wool manufacturer, is lifting its interim payment from the equivalent of 0.92p to 1.25p a share. On turnover up from £15.38m to £17.67m,

pretax profits rose from £3.368m to £4.56m in the 28 weeks to January 13, 1984. Although the board does not expect a similar increase in the second-half's results, it believes that the recent market improvement will continue and that the year's results will show a substitutal rise on the previous year.

TELEMETRIX reports first-

ship of state on its still unclearly buf results which are double those charted course.

year. This Tewkesbury-based group designs and manufactures electronic products. For the six months to December 31 1983 pretax profits December 31 1983 pretax profits were £919,000 (£433,000 1982) and turnover was £4.1m (£1.6m 1982). Earnings per share were 3.1p and an interim dividend of 0.5p per share is being paid. Telemetrix obtained a listing for its shares in October, 1983. Company still expects to achieve its profit forecast for the

BESTOBELL: For the year ended Dec 31, 1983, pretax profits fell from £8.7m to £5.1m. Turnover, £137.2m (£130m). Final dividend 7.8p, making 13.5p net for year (unchanged).

JOHN I JACOBS: Total net dividend for 1983 raised from 2.6p to 2.9p a share. Pretax profit 2919,000. (£1.37m). Tax £318,000.

(£560,000). Extraordinary credits of £1.98m (nil last time), being mainly net profit from sale of 19. Great Winchester St. London, EC2.

BELHAVEN BREWERY BRIHAVEN
GROUP has bought the freehold
and the contents of the CombsHotel, Woolacombe, North Devon,
for £375,000 cash.

BRITANNIC
Surplus for 1983, £4.6m (£3.81m).
Total net dividend, 21.8p (18.55p) a

on E I S GROUP: E I S is to buy
Northampton Machinery from G.
M. Firth (Holdings) — subject to
approval by Firth shareholders — for

1.20—

• CHARTERHOUSE J. ROTH-SCHILD PACIFIC INVEST-MENT TRUST: Offer for sale of 40 million ordinary shares (with warrants) received 5.614 applications for a total of 44.23 million cations for a total of 44.23 million shares.

• LONDON AND SCOTTISH

Discretely proposes within a year of listing to place \$US53m worth of stock in the United States.

MARINE OIL: Pavinent MARINE OIL: Payment on operations in respect of Lasmo's share of production from Nimian Field for six months to Dec 31, 1983, will be 44.9p a unit (equivalent to 64.4p gross). Payment date: April 30. ment date: April 30.

• VALOR-DREAMLAND:
Valor's offer for issued and to-be
issued capital of Dreamland not
already owned has been accepted for
10.45 million ordinary shares (48.6
per cent). Valor now owns or has
acceptances for 16.87 million
ordinary shares (78.5 per cent. The
cash offer has now expired and the
share offer has been extended to
April 5.

CHARTERHALL: Turnover for half-year to Dec. 31, 1983, £2.77m (£637,000). Profit, after tax. £591,000, against a loss of £280,000 last time.

• SCOTLAND

NATIONAL FIN: Interest rate for the period from March 23 to September 23 has been fixed at 111/16 September 23 has been men at 117m per cent.

ASARCO: The company will close on March 31 its Sacaton openpit copper mine in Arizona, where the ore reserves have exhausted, according to Mr T. E. Scartaccini, general manager, South-Western Mining Department.

PAULS & WHITES: The

company has amounced the formation of a new company within the group, Pauls Flavours and Fragrances, which will start trading

• LEMPRIERE INDUSTRIES The Australian biotechnology group, Gentech Australia, which is going public through a reverse takeover of Lempricre Industries,

# CREST NICHOLSON

The helding company with interests in property, sports surfaces, conveying systems, optical products, electronics and marine services

# **Continued Progress in 1983**

1983 £72,319,00
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Increase in profits for the ninth consecutive year

Recent acquisition of the BVC business and Leatherhead site

Real growth in profits expected this

Accounts available from the Secretary, Crest House, Station Road, Egham, Surrey TW20 SNP

# Hoechst UK names executive chairman Mr R. N. Casey has been appointed general manager,

retirement of the chairman, Mr Norman Mischler, at the end of June, managing director and chief executive Mr Dominik Von Winterfeldt will become the new executive chairman of

Premium Income

General Life

£140.0m

Premium Income

General Business

Underwriting results

Life insurance profit

General insurance profit

shareholders' funds

Investment income attributable to general insurance funds

Investment and other income attributable to

Share of associated company result

Life Business

Exaggeration

Two of the main unions, the Communist-led CGT and the

independent Force Ouvriere,

are making dire predictions of 3

million unemployed by the end

of the year, though that is

almost certainly a exaggeration. But the fear is there and the

unions, which have given the

Socialist Government a rela-

tively easy ride through a

difficult economic period, are

beginning to play up. More days have already been lost through

The projected job loss figures

APPOINTMENTS

Profits before taxation

Berger, Jenson and Nicholson appointed a non-executive will succeed Mr Norman director.
Mischler as Berger, Jenson and Interni The Burton Group: Mr Hoechst UK, in addition to his other responsibilities. Mr Terry chairman of Gallaher and Collins, group vice-chairman of the Council of the Collins, group vice-chairman chairman of the Council of the and managing director of Institute of Directors, has been

Cornhill Insurance Group

1983 Results

£175.9m

been made managing director.

MEPC: Mr James A. Beve-

appointed general manager, administration. Mr G. P. Roffe. senior general manager has Hospitals retired GRCF: Mr Repert Chetwynd

ridge, financial controller has become finance director. Standard Chartered Bank:

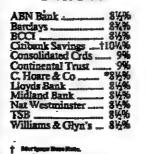
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and Mr A. P. Hichens have joined the board. Weatherall Green & Smith: Mr John Chapman is retiring as senior partner on April 30. He will remain with the firm as a consultant. Mr David Yorke

will be the new senior partner. Bond Foster & Partners: Mr Ben Foster, the founder of the firm's international practice is to retire. Mr Kenneth Mallin has been made chairman of the world wide group of practices with Mr Tony Shand as chief

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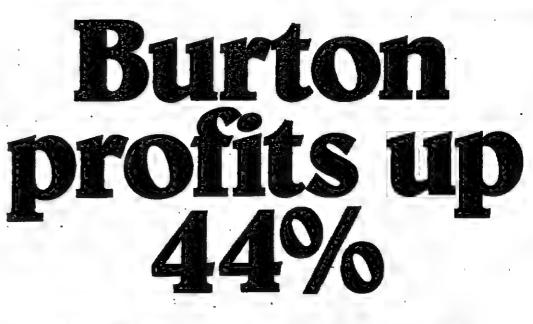
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Results for the half year up to 25th February 1984

- \* Record pre-tax profit up 44% to £26.1 million
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Banking at domestic and international

levels is being transformed

by fierce competition, new technologies

and the liberalising of some

long established controls

ritish banking is caught in the throes of a revolution found and far-reaching than anything bankers have had to cope with in the past. Changes aloot promise to transform the nature of their high street banking operations within the

next decade or so. Competition, technology and a government committed to liberalising financial markets are forcing the pace. Building societies and a host of other financial institutions are moving into areas traditionally left to the banks.

Although British banks remain very profitable by com-parison with those in other countries, this profitability is under pressure on a number of fronts. Corporate customers are still suffering from the effects of the receding recession. The problems of the debtor countries have eased considerably over the past year but higher United States interest rates may quickly precipitate a new round

of crises.
With these question marks still hanging over the quality of their loan porfolios, the big four clearing banks pushed up their combined bad debt provisions hy 31 per cent to £1.28 billion last year. Profits still showed a nealthy rise in 1983 from £1.51 ullion to £1.70 billion pretax. But it is instructive to note that nad debt provisions were equivalent to 43 per cent of pretax profits compared with only 23 per cent just two years

This year provisions are expected to show a considerable fall but there are other problems to contend with. The recent budget has piled uncertainty onto uncertainty with measures which directly or indirectly hit the banks. From April next year they will have to adopt a composite rate tax system and deduct lax at source from the interest they pay to personal

Meanwhile the budget decision to rejig the corporate tax place around them, but are also system and reduce capital

allowances on new investment has dealt a body blow to the banks' leasing businesses, which they have used to defer paying huge amounts of tax, and to their balance sheets as well,

The banks have generally made provision for only about a quarter of this lax and the total not provided for at the end of last year is estimated at £2.85 billion. The changes in allowances mean that banks may now have to make large provisions for part of this potential tax liability with damaging effect on the strength of their balance sheets.

The phased changes in the corporate tax system may also affect the demand for credit because the budget measures have the impact of gradually increasing the attractions for companies of financing themselves with equity.

> Striking a link with securities

Alongside the budget changes, two other develop-ments have taken place in the last couple of months which may come to be seen as key turning points in the evolution of the banking industry. The most significant was the

decision by Barclays Bank to move into the securities industry by forging links with the largest jobbing firm in the Stock Exchange Wedd. Durlacher Mordaunt and one of the big stockbrokers de Zoete & Bevan. Although not the only clearing bank to strike a link with a Stock Exchange firm since the upheavals in the securities industry got underway - National Westminster is to take a stake in jobbers Bisgood. Bishop and Midland is buying an interest in stockbrokers W. Greenwell - the Barclays move is the clearest indication so far that the banks are not simply responding to the changing market

aggressively initiating change.

The tic-ups. Sir Timothy Bevan, chairman of Barclays said: "Will form the core and basis for development of a powerful new international securities company." The con-cept is that of the financial supermarket, global one-stop shopping whether for loans, shares or whatever other service the bank provides.

The aim is to improve and extend the service for corporate customers there is the prospect in the future of being able to buy and sell shares cheaply in in the future of being able to buy and sell shares cheaply in one of Barclays's 2.000 high street branches via a sophisticated electronic system.

The other important development was the introduction by Midland Bank of its High Interest Cheque Account the first by a clearing bank and a scheme which compares well with the many other varieties which have been on offer for some time from merchant banks and unit trust groups, seeking to cream off the clearers' richer and most lucra-

tive customers.

The Midland scheme is the clearest indication to date that the days of the current account which pays no interest is numbered. It recognises the fact that the clearers need to compete more aggressively in the market for personal deposits in order to fund their lending business and its introduction could not have been more

The clearing banks have long been losing out in the market for personal deposits, largely to the building societies but to the government's National Savings as well. The erosion of their



frantic, action of dealers in a City money centre, and a patient queue at a cash dispenser. It is the plastic card that has brought round-the-clock banking to the ordinary account holder.

traditional deposit base has forced them to resort increasingly to much more expensive wholesale or market related funds which now provide about half of their sterling deposits. Meanwhile 'free' current 50 per cent a decade ago and are worth less to the banks as interest rates fall. With current accounts making a dwindling contribution to paying for the unwieldy branch networks, the banks have been forced to push up bank charges to corporate provide them? and personal customers sharply and the amounts they earned in charges rose by about one-quar-

Although current accounts have stabilised recently, the banks have continued to lose out badly with their 7-day deposit accounts which are very

uncompetitive.
Being forced to deduct tax at source on the interest they pay depositors will make life even tougher for the banks because once the rates are quoted net of tax, the banks' deposit accounts will appear even less competi-tive with what building societies and others offer. This is the bankers' real worry, behind the tears they have been shedding for their non-taxpaying cus-tomers who will suffer from the much criticised composite rate tax system. For the banks will either have to pay better rates of

less stable wholesale money.

This is why Midland's account is so timely and at some point the other big banks are sure to follow, whether they decide to introduce an account which is paper-based using cheques or is based on plastic

cards.

Behind this sea of change and uncertainty which banks are both initiating and responding to. lie two key issues to be tackled. What services should banks provide to their customers? And how should they The two issues are inter-

related and the answers far from clear cut Lloyds Bank for instance now runs the biggest estate agency chain in the country yet the other big banks have not followed this course. Midland Bank is particularly strong in insurance broking. Other banks may not aspire. like Barclays to sell shares over

the branch counter.
As to how the banks provide their services to customers, the big clearing banks share a common problem with their costly branch networks. An important asset for the banks because of the access and personal contact it gives to customers, it is nevertheless a growing liability because of the huge staffing and overhead costs. Many of the branches are gloomy and uninviting - a problem banks are tackling by radically redesigning branches-

and two of the banks, Barciays and Midland, are separating their networks between corpor-ate and personal branches.

Technology also provides an important opportunity to contain the cost of branch networks by reducing the huge amounts of paper passing through the system. At the same time however the march of tech-nology threaters to make many aspects of the branch network ncreasingly redundant.

Cash dispensers and automated tellers which provide bank statements are one of the technological developments which customers now readily accept and no longer find novel.

However, far more radical developments are under way. The banks are cooperating on electronic funds transfer at point of sale (EFTPOS) which will allow customers to pay for goods at retailers with a plastic card and money will be debited directly from their bank account or quite likely building society

Further ahead is the prospect of home banking which could eventually almost remove the need for customers to go into a bank branch. The Nottingham Building Society has already set up a scheme which cost £3m to develop and includes a special current account with the Bank of Scotland. With a special terminal, telephone and television set customers can pay bills, transfer money and cheque their accounts and order and pay for food.

Peter Wilson-Smith Banking Correspondent

Round-the-clock instant cash

When Barclays Bank, in August 1982, threw open its doors to customers on Saturday mornings, it reversed a decline in the quality of service that had been going on for several decades.

Whether or not the move the past few years the

proves a success is likely to depend on people's attitude towards pushing plastic cards into machines but there is no doubt that Barclays move marked a turning point in the high street banks attitude towards personal customers. The necessity for Saturday opening had been modified to some extent by the provision of easy access to cash-round-theclock through cash dispenser machines - first introduced in the middle 1960s. The high street banks now have more than 5,300 automated teller machines and the building

societies are catching up.

Competition from the building societies prompted Barclays to revert to Saturday morning opening in 1982. The banks had remained closed at weckends since 1969.

"We cannot afford to sit back and watch this business being taken from us by the building mented when making the

announcement.
In 1969, bank deposits totalled £9,200m. and the building societies' £8.600m. By

had been dramatically reversed: the banks then held just under

In the past few years the banks have responded to the challenge by introducing a range of customer services - cheque guarantee cards (first intro-duced in 1966 by the then National Provincial Bank) credit cards, special savings and loan accounts, revolving credit accounts, home loans, insurance cash dispenser cards, and more flexible credit systems which do no rely on the old fashioned interview with the

In the pipeline is a range of electronic wizardry which will, before long, allow the bank customer to buy his groceries at Sainsbury's or Marks & Spencer, and have the bill automatically debited to his bank

All the banks now offer cheque guarantee cards, and more than two million have been issued.

The high street banks had always lent money for house purchase, but it was a very taken from us by the business purchase, but it was a societies and other institutions. Mr John Quinton, small part of their business. But in 1980 they decided to go into in 1980 they decided to go into home loans on a large scale. By March 1982 they were providing as many as one in three of

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# London, still the centre of world banking

London's popularity as an international banking centre shows no signs of flagging. The number of foreign banks represented in the capital of the world's financial markets continues to increase and today only a handful of the world's top hundred banks have no

The world recession and the international debt problems have caused difficulties for many banks, making them increasingly cost conscious, as a banking centre, mirroring Forbiddingly high rates and the development and expansion rents in the City have encouraged some banks with extensive operations to move back-office functions outside London. Others have simply shifted towards the West End and a few smaller ones have pulled out altogether. Over the past five years, for instance, about half a dozen banks a year have left.

The

struggle

for your

deposits

The building societies have long been a thorn in the side of

British banks. Throughout the

the banks' deposit bases, stealing an increasing share of the

sector deposits: now they have nearly half. By contrast the banks' share over the same

period has slipped from 43 to 36

less demand for mortgages.

moving into the societies'

traditional territory of mortgage finance: they are also trying to compete more vigorously, even fairly ineffectively so far, in

societies to offer more sophisti-

cated services such as cheque books and cash dispensers, to

characterised as aggressive

forays - designed to take the

some of the services they have

traditionally offered. Equally,

tomers want and realise the

importance of trying to stay a

important advantage which

building societies have over the

banks: people find them much more friendly places and many

would much rather go into a building society branch than a However the NCC research

also showed that a majority of

building society customers would like them to provide

cheque books and many also want cash dispensers, standing

orders and personal loans from

This is why it is so important

for building societies to have new legislation which will allow

them to carry out many more functions. Under the present

legislative framework, which has changed little since 1874. building socities can only do

The recent National Consumer Council report on bank-ing services highlighted an

the savines market.

however,

personal savings market. in 1970, societies had just over one-third of personal

carried out by Noel Alexander Associates, 23 new banks arrived last year, seven left, leaving a total of 445 foreign banks with branches or representative offices. Nor does this include those banks represented through consortium banks whose inclusion would probably swell the total by a

dozen or more The story of London's growth of the Euromarkets of which London is the centre, is well charted. Excellent communications, a convenient time zone which provides overlap with both North America and the east and the fertile financial climate and helpful attitude of the regulatory authorities have contributed to the growth.

the security of a mortgage. In theory anything not specified by the law is forbidden. In practice this has meant that new services have often had to be provided through links wih other financial institutions. Cheque books and credit cards are examples. Building societies have formed links with banks to provide these but having to rely on agreements with the compe lition is hardly a satisfactory

those things which the law says

they can; essentially raise funds

from their members to lend on

state of affairs.
Legislative restrictions have last decade they nibbled away at also prevented societies from trying out new schemes. Last year the Halifax, Britain's biggest society, came up with scheme to open an offshoot in the Isle of Man, which would pay interest to savers without deducting tax.

However, the opposition of Michael Bridge-Over the past nine months in particular, societies have man, Chief Registrar of scooped up an enormous slice Friendly Societies, who superof the market because of the vises the movement, and the inland Revenue, led to the very attractive rates they have scheme being blocked. The Revenue was worried about been paying to investors in an attempt to satisfy the bottomwidespread tax evasion if has domestic depositors started moving their savings to the Isle brought its own problems and of Man, encouraged by the new ones are looming for building societies. The banks have begun to fight back respectable Halifax name.

The Building Societies Association's proposals on legislative change, to which the Government is due to respond with a Green Paper this-summer, envisage societies being able to carry out a whole The moves by building range of new functions.

The BSA report diplomatically stressed that societies do name but two, have been traditional functions as housing finance and savings institutions but rather want to add to their battle to the banks by providing range of services in these fields. The report recommends allowing societies to own land and however, the societies are carry out housing development; responding to what their cussuch as conveyancing, surveys and estate agency.
These would include in-

surance and, crucially, a limited amount of unsecured loans and overdrafts which in turn would make it possible for societies to provide other simple banking services like cheque books and

There are those even within the movement who fear that these kind of proposals are going to open a Pandora's box. Even among the big societies, which to a degree inevitably dominate the BSA and the ideas it puts forward, there are many differing views on how societies

New legislation for the socicties when it comes will similarly, if to a lesser extent, be an example of the institutional framework trying to keep pace with the changes on the ground. For all that, the years ahead are still fraught with dangers for the



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all new home loans, and at the peak of their activity – August 1981 to August 1982 – the four high street books were lending

around £1,000m a year each.

Lower interest rates and much greater demand for home loans than they had expected forced the banks to draw in their horns during 1983, but at the beginning of this year they crept quietly back into the market, and home loans are, without doubt seen by customers as an important contribution to improved service.

The banks' main advantages in this field are the speed at which they give a decision on a loan application, and the fact that they lend much larger sums than the building societies.

In 1981, Lloyds Bank introduced 100 per cent home loans and several others followed sui. forcing the building societies to do likewise at least for first-time

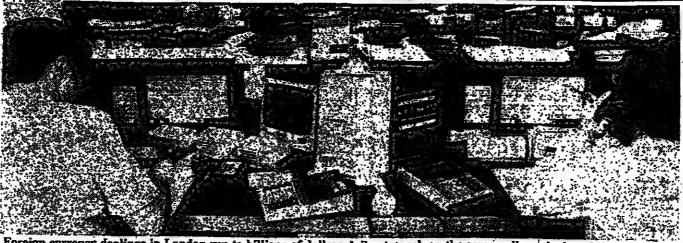
It was in this area that Barclays made its big mistake over Saturday banking. Barclays threw open its doors to customers in August 1982 – just as it made the decision to cut back on home loans. To attract-new customers, home loans had to be available, but the high street banks were by this time reserving mortgages for cus-tomers of at least six months standing and Barclays found

itself opening its doors to hordes of people who merely wanted to cash cheques.

Cash dispenser machines, which give customers 24-hour access to cash at the press of a button have proved so popular that new ones are constantly being installed to meet demand. Queues are frequently seen outside a bank waiting to use a cash machine - while tellers sit idle inside. The banks have several explanations for the popularity of the machines. The main reason seems to be that people use them to withdraw small amounts - which they would be embarassed to do from a teller.

The building societies originally planned to install machines that would dispense cash to customers of all the societies. Internecine rivalry, however, led to a claim that the chief beneficiaries of such a scheme would be the small societies, now only eight of the top 12 aim to go ahead. Halifax already has its own scheme working and plans to have 250 machines in operation by the

end of this year. Some banks have seen the building societies as a potential source of new business and there have been a series of tie-ups. Bank of Scotland has been particularly innovative, signing a deal with the Nottingham Building Society to provide computerized home banking (Homelink) and a similar tie-up with the Alliance Building Society offer customers the best



Foreign currency dealings in London run to billions of dollars daily. A touch on the screen allows deals to be completed by telephone within seconds.

Although many foreign banks use London only as a base for their international operations, arranging syndicated loans. trade finance and capital market operations, others have also come to play an important part in Britain's domestic economy.

The huge American bank, Citibank, for instance, now employs 2,500 in this country and after the London and Scottish clearers it has one of the biggest sterling balance sheets of any bank.

In the early 1970s the American banks carved themselves an important niche in corporate banking in this country with their relationship banking approach and medium term lending, mainly to larger companies. As the big clearing banks geared themselves to meet the challenge this end of the market has become increasingly competitive, forcing

foreign banks to rethink.
Some, like the Bank of America, have concentrated on trying to stay one step ahead by products for their corporate customers. Others, in contrast to Citibank, have decided to scale down their United Kingdom operations. Viewed in an international

context, the British clearing banks rank with the biggest in the world and about half of their balance sheets are now denominated in foreign currencies. They are also among the most profitable in the world. In common with other international banks their profitabi-lity has been slipping; IBCA Banking Analysis calculates that

the return on average assets of United Kingdom banks declined from 1.21 per cent in 1979 to 0.67 per cent in 1982 a trend broadly mirrored elsewhere. However the return of United Kingdom banks was still higher in 1982 than virtually anywhere else. The on assets of United States banks for 1982 was 0.55

cent for Canadian banks and 0.38 per cent in Switzerland.

The strong balance sheets of them in good stead during the nervous days of the inter-national debt crisis. British banks have been important players in the loan market to sovereign borrowers and have been deeply involved in the endless rounds of reschedulings for the big debtors such as

Despite significant exposures to troubled countries in Latin America and elsewhere, British vulnerable as some of their American competitors. This is because their lending to the problem areas is smaller in relation to their equity bases than is the case with many American banks.

Brazil and Mexico.

However, the recent corporate taxation changes in the United Kingdom, which will affect the leasing businesses of per cent, in Japan and Germany the clearing banks, have raised just under 0.2 per cent, 0.42 per some question marks against

the strength of their balance provisions for deferred tax liabilities may leave the balance sheet ratios of the big British banks looking rather less impressive and bring them down more into line with many other international banks.

So far as the overseas operations of the British banks are concerned, the notable feature of the past year has been Midland's experience in the United States with its 57 per cent-owned subsidiary Crocker National Bank. All the big banks have had very mixed success with their expansion into the United States, although recently some are beginning to

see much improved results.

But Crocker, which contributed a £17m loss to Midland Bank's 1983 results and was entirely responsible for the bank's profits falling from £251m to £225m, remains a big

# More boosts for small business

been explored by banks in the last few years, the traditional loan from the local bank still is the biggest single source of help up or reaching out for growth.
National Westminster Bank,
for instance, estimates that the extent of its help for small £4bn mark. A large proportion of this is still in normal overdrafts and loans, although its tailored Business Loan Development Scheme now accounts for a quarter of the bank's small business commit-

Under the scheme there is fixed interest borrowing for amounts up to £250,000 for periods as long as 20 years. More than £500m was committed to loans under the scheme during 1983, aiding some 37.000 small businesses

Under the Loans Guarantee Scheme (LGS) which gives banks much wider scope in lending to small businesses because the Government shoulders much of the financial risk -Natwest has now committed around £115m during the nearthree-years' life of the scheme. The bank estimates this has created employment for rather more than 12,000 people.

That is one glimpse of the way the big clearing banks can

Another comes from Barclays Bank, which puts its small business commitment at possibley £6bn. Some 85 per cent of its

Barclays has committed virtually as much as Natwest under the Loans Guarantee Scheme, and both banks are well ahead of the field. In proportion to their size all the high-street banks show similar patterns of lending, although the details of specially tailored

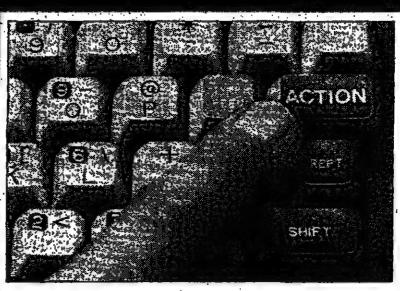
schemes may vary.
For all the banks an entirely new dimension to lending has been added by the three-year LGS experiment. The present scheme ends in May, and its future is now being weighed by

The aim of LGS has been to make possible small business loans which would otherwise never have been made as when the principal of a new business is unable to offer any security. Under LGS a bank actually risks only 20 per cent of the loan; the Government underwrites the other 80 per cent. The person taking out the loan pays a 3 per cent premium as

insurance.
At the end of February £454.8m had been advanced under the LGS, with nearly £240m going to about 7,455 new businesses, and rather more than £215m benefitting nearly 6,400 existing businesses, Actual losses through busi-

ness failures under the LGS have been running at 8 per cent about £36m but the key factor is the failure rate of businesses, At first at least one business in three was failing, and some banks have seen worse failure rates with start-ups. But a continued on page 23

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# The new battle in the City

intense competition, both from since of the action and from vounger domestic competitors 2-ho think nothing of making cold casts to offer a potential

The race to serve the big The reason for this hectic receptive to new ideas from battalions of industry has activity is simple. The business banking advisers. Growing reached its fiercest down the of supplying large-scale finance alleyways of the City in recent and other services to established years. Tasks which were for-merly the preserves of the laws of economics. It is clearing banks have come under generally less risky than nurturno matter whether they are war, the share-exchange takecalculated as fees or a percentage commission.

Client companies have, for their part, become far more

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multinational competition in their own industries has given them a strong incentive to make better use of their money and the other resources at their ing seedling enterprises, but the disposal. Two of the most over bid and the Eurodollar, have transformed the range of possibilities for many groups.

The result of these upheavals

the traditional boundaries of the banking world. The process has some way to go yet, and it will take even longer before many of the actors get used to their new As the bastions of tradition,

foreign banks cager to grab a returns can be extremely large, dramatic innovations since the and as caution and prudence are two of their deepest instincts, it is the clearing banks which have been most acutely confronted with the problem of how to cope with change. If they pick up their skirts and rush helterskelter into the new fashions. they could lose the trust and confidence of many customers, and would in some cases find it harder to resist increasingly speculative demands

finance.

But if they ignore the tide of events they could face continual incursions into their traditional business and suffer the demoralizing feeling that they were missing some excellent commercial opportunities.

Part of the answer has lain in the clearers' development of separate merchant banking arms, One, the Midland, has achieved this by taking an interest in an established mer-chant bank, Samuel Montagu. The other three of the big four have preferred to start from

tended to remain in the hands of the clearing banks, largely because of economies of scale. Running a share register or operating a payroll are two such examples. So is the routine business of processing a company's daily turnover of che-

They are a convenient way for a bank to cover its extensive overheads of staff and premises. and few other organizations are inclined to amass similar overheads just to put them-selves in a position to compete for that type of business.

Conversely, it has never been the clearers' job to raise money.

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as opposed to lending it. Their reputation rests on having a scemingly bottomless vessel of money to lend where a proposition meets their requirements. Their historic stance has been not to act but to react.

The merchant banks have Some corporate services have been the initiators, the opportunists, the problem-solvers. working from a much lower capital base and relying on contacts, sharp wits and the ability to create opportunities.

Within recent memory, it was the merchant bank Charter-house Japhet which was credited with the notion of putting together a consortium of institutional investors to make takeover bid for F. W. Woolworth, the stores chain which was unloved by its United States parent and too indigestible for any other retail group. An attempt to deal with the UDS in similar fashion was overtaken by a higher offer

merchant banking attempt to from Hanson Trust. These cases are in contrast to turn a problem on its head and the clearing banks' experience come up with a completely

in nursing industrial companies fresh type of solution. through the worst of the clearing banker could recession in what has become justifiably retort that an insolmown as intensive care. The vent heavy engineering comis a very different clearers have drawn lessons from the merchant banks in proposition from even the most their efforts to be more flexible fly-blown retail chain, and it has in dealing with apparently terminal cases. The alternative, always been open to a merchant banker to pick up the phone to after all, was to bankrupt vast the clearers and come up with a tracts of British industry and risk being accused of causing untold social misery. companied by vehement pro-Lending to the limit have been saved with another

In the process the banks have And in one case. Stone-Platt. part of the business has reemerged within a couple of years to earn a fresh share quote

ounce of imagination from the

in its own right None of this is to denigrate the banks' efforts. It merely highlights a difference of longterm training. The trouble is that in the present climate of trampled barriers and free-forall competition, the invaders have the upper hand.

Most worrying for the clearers is the erosion of their mainstream lending. They have long had to accept that many competitors had sufficiently good names to be able to join in the business of giving guaran-ties on third-party finance, particularly for export, in return for a fee. What they have always had up their sleeve is access to extremely low-cost money which they could use to compete in the corporate overdraft market.

That money, of course, came from the millions of current accounts. But, despite a neardoubling of the number of account-holders, that source is drying up because the customer to keep money working for them. This has thrown the banks into areas such as the money market, the Eurodollar market, the mortgage market, where they have to compete on no better than equal terms and in some instances with at least one arm tied behind their backs.

The clearers are having to fight for wholesale money at street level with a growing army of foreign banks, all keen to shave the rates wafer-thin,

As if that were not enough, it looks as if one of the banks' recent perks, leasing finance, is drying up. If a bank buys a machine and leases it to a prearranged customer, the bank brilliant suggestion. Neverthe- can claim the cost of the less, some of the most publimachine against corporation cized failures of the intensive tax. But leasing, a fast-growing care system have been acactivity in the past decade, was already beginning to tail off tests that the situation could even before the latest Budget

proposals. It adds up to a picture which some bankers will regard as dismal, others as challenging. In the end, it is those who pick up the challenge who will survive.

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# into the electronic

undoubtedly stretched their lending criteria to the limit, and

beyond. But it is significant that, to the outsider at least,

approach rather than the typical

they

have opted for that

Payments System -British banking has taken its biggest step yet into the new electronic age of banking auto-mation. The change ushers in new standards of efficiency, with banks able to make payments to each other instantaneously by computer instead of sending myriad pieces of paper around the City of London by messengers. But other automation

changes are coming through which will make a more obvious impact on the normal

Already this year, with CHAPS bank customer. New gener-- the Clearing House Auto- ations of machines can now offer, at the touch of a few buttons, services which hitherto have been available only through counter staff. It will mean push-button banking not only in a customer's branch, but eventually in the home.

For the individual bank customer the biggest change is the widening availability of automatic teller machines (ATMs), commonly in "through the wall" locations outside bank branches. Cash can be withdrawn, and some offer additional functions such as ordering a bank statement or a new chequebook.

At the end of last year there were 5,309 ATMs, half as many again as in 1982. By the end of this year it is planned to have 6.470 in operation at about half

of all bank branches.
National Westminster Bank, which has around 1.000 ATMs, has a reciprocal agreement with Midland Bank which allows customers of both banks to use cach other's ATM network. This gives a total ATM spread for customers of 1,800. Natwest is also installing a new generation of cash dispensing machines which disgorge money more quickly than an ATM. An encoded card is "wined" through a sensor box, a personal identification number is keyed in by the customer, and within 15 seconds cash is dispensed.

Since October last year Natwest has been experimenting at a Basingstoke branch with a more advanced automated banking service, which has led to extended banking hours being on offer from 9.15 am to 4.45 pm from Monday to Friday.

At the touch of a keyboard cash can be drawn out or details of accounts can be called up. Two newly developed account information service terminals allow customers to obtain a range of information such as a check on the last 20 items on personal accounts. More details on specific entries can be called up. Answers come up on a small television screen or can be printed out.

The projected cabling of more homes, although intended primarily for television pro-grammes, will also provide the chance to introduce instant access to the banks.

### Point of sale transfers

lowards a revolutionary payments system for shops and other key 'transaction points such as railway stations, hotels and petrol stations. This is the system known as electronic funds transfer at point of sale (EFTPOS). At the heart of this is a terminal at which customers would use a bank card, keying in a personal identification number. A computerized hookup would allow immediate bill payments by transferring money from a customer's bank account to that of the retailer.

The clearing banks are now committed to setting up a national EFTPOS system, and the aim is to have the pilot scheme operational by 1986.

Even before this year's introduction of the CHAPS system automation had moved a long way in inter-bank operations. Bankers' Automated Clearing Services (BACS), which deal with company payments and collections such as payroll credit transfers, first began operations in 1969.

# The system represents the most advanced use of modern in February to banks in the City

mated money transfers pass through BACS each week. Internationally, bank auto-

mation has gained from the introduction of SWIFT. the international communications network through which banks send payment instructions to each other electronically. The CHAPS system went live

whole country an electronic means of making same-day payments. It applies to settle-

ments of £10,000 or more. On its first day £32m was cleared through the system without a hitch, made up of more then 1,000 individual payments.

but will ultimately offer the technology in the world, according to Mr Eric Simmonds, the CHAPS project manager. Trials have shown the system can handle as many as 8,000 transactions every half-hour. The CHAPS system could be

particularly useful in complicated one-day settlements, such as a house sale, when funds need to be transferred from buyers' to sellers' solicitors before contracts are exchanged. Despite the successful launch

controversy, still dogs the CHAPS system. Of the 200 or so banks which might use it so far, 40 have signed on. But many of them are the clearing banks which have set up the system, so those in the scheme already account for nearly two thirds of the potential traffic. Many City merchant banks,

as well as foreign banks, have not joined the scheme. Their worries have included costs, a cut-off time which is half-anhour carlier than the nanual town clearance system, and the lack of a fully common interface between the clearing banks and those outside.

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The world's second oldest central bank (Sweden's just holds the record for longevity) is living in interesting times. Several of the Bank of England's traditional areas of responsibility are affected by the upheavals in the City. The birth of the financial conglomcrate, for example, will complicate the bank's job of regulating the banking system, obliging it to work hand in hand with regulators in the Department of Trade and Industry.

The Old Lady's responsibility for marketing government debt gives it a very particular interest in developments in the stock market. And its watching brief for the financial services industry in general gives the bank an active interest in sharpening up the City's competitive edge, to ensure that it gains its due share of world financial business.

The bank is tackling these new issues with considerable zeal - and with a relatively new top team of directors and advisers. Its governing body is the Court, which meets weekly in a mom heavy with historic associations. It is, for example, supplied with a weathervane - a relic of the days when it was important to know when the wind was fair for boats arriving at British ports, since this would dramatically affect the demand for money.

The Court is presided over by the Governor, appointed by the prime minister but then secure for the five-year term of his appointment. After two terms, the reign of Gordon (now Lord) Richardson came to an end in 1983. Mrs Thatcher appointed Robin Leigh-Pemberton, chairman of National Westminster Bank, to the governorship. The bank's own internal candidate for the governorship, Chris-topher McMahon, has provided considerable weight of experience by staying on as his

There are 12 outside nonexecutive directors in the Court, including industrialists, bankers, and - unusually - an academic, the Dean of the City University Business School, Professor Brian Griffiths. He took up his seat on March 1, and there were some other new faces on that day. But the important changes are among the bank's own men at Court.

Money for

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improving.

number of banks now believe

the failure rate has been

When the LGS was launched

it had been anticipated that the scheme would become self-

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improves markedly this now

scems unlikely, a prospect which appears to have left the

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# At the Court of \_eigh-Pemberton

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substantial source of venture

capital for new and expanding

British companies outside of the

merchant banks was the Indus-trial and Commercial Finance

Corporation (ICFC), originally established by the Bank of England and the major clearing banks. ICFC is now part of Investors in Industry (3i) and

For nearly three decades until

specialist managers so far.

director in charge of banking general interest in the health supervision (Peter Cooke) and of the securities market, while economic adviser (John Flemthe gilt-edged market is Mr George's particular concern. Mr Walker's aims are twofold: to ming who is not strictly speaking a member of the Court but a regular attender), watch over the interests of The key men, however, are the borrowers, particularly British industrial borrowers; and to four executive directors. Only nurture a vigorous securities industry capable of taking on one - Rodney Galpin, in charge operations and corporate services - is newly appointed fierçe tition. Mr George's narrower this year. But Eddie George, in, charge of home finance, and David Walker, with responsi-bility for finance and industry, interests are in the continuance or enhancement, of a liquid and manageable market in governare both men in their mid-40s ment debt. who have been in their present jobs for only a couple of years. case against the Stock Exchange (The fourth Anthony Loehnis, has responsibility for international affairs at the bank; he succeeded Mr McMahon in the

The somewhat unrevealing out, what would be the bank's operational titles enjoyed by Messrs Walker and George to follow? Would it be in favour

Treasury cool about continuing

Another source of help has

come from specialized advisory

networks for small businesses.

Barclays Bank, for instance,

launched an advisory service eleven years ago which now consists of 45 specialist man-agers covering the country at

regional level. Some 20,000

business surveys have been

Lloyds Bank set up an

advisory service seven years ago, as part of its long-term

of an end to single capacity the separation between stock-broking and stock-obbing - for example? Would it approve of corporate membership of the Stock Exchange, allowing the banks to get right in on the act? How did it view the approach of big foreign (particularly Ameri-can) banks and investment In early March, the Governor gave the Threadneedle Street

view on most of these issues. Some say it was influenced by Mr Leigh-Pemberton's clearing hank origins; but it more clearly reflected strongly held views within the bank itself. In a major speech on March 6, the Governor set the bank's seal of approval on rapid and far

reaching change, and positioned himself pretty firmly on the radical side of the argument.

"Early and substantial change" said Mr Leigh-Pemberion, "is now unavoidable if we are not to lose out in the president place." The the world market place." The Governor cited the response of various sectors of the financial rvices industry to pressure for change not only in the Stock Exchange, but also the "natural urge to diversify" among banks and building societies.

So what are the limits on this new, open City? First, those required by the need to regulate; financial conglomerates will have to separate their different activities or services to simplify regulation, probably by entrusting them to separate companies within a group structure. "Chinese walls" within companies will not be enough. And the same principle will apply to the threat of competition from large American investment houses the bank will require their ondon operations to be separately capitalized

In this the bank reveals its own dual interest. It is not merely concerned to protect the infant British financial groups from devastating competition while they grow up, but also to Since the restrictive practices, maintain its hold over the giltedge market. Although the extra liquidity provided by the was quashed by the Govern-ment last year, the City has Americans would be welcome been eyeing the bank nervously. to the Government's debt As fixed commissions on stock, salesmen, American dominance

would be unnerving. Sarah Hogg

### Economics Editor

drive to help small businesses. Midland Bank has just started still accounts for around threequarters of the venture capital being made available to smaller and newer businesses. Both Lloyds and Barclays five or so years ago the only

have venture capital subsidi-aries. County Bank, part of Natwest, has been providing venture capital since 1970, with some investments as small as £50,000. Natwest was the first of the clearing banks to put together loan packages which pulled in all EEC sources of

### Rugby at the crossroads: 2

# Ripley believes it is time to give the game to the rest of the world

Rugby's International Board meet in London this week to consider the present and future states of the game. Continuing a series in which our rugby writers examine the issues, DAVID HANDS talks to Andy Ripley, the nonconformist who became an elder statesman of English rugby.

It is with a considerable degree of self-deprecation that Andy Ripley describes himself as the "white knight" of English rugby. It is a description which others have wished on him; he feels that the line dividing him from Mike Burton, one of his contemporaries in England teams of the 1970s, but who earned himself a reputation as a "bad boy", is non-existent. They both happen to like

playing the same game.
Ripley is now, in playing terms, one of rugby's elder caps was won in 1976, yet he has continued playing in Rosslyn Park's back row for the last eight seasons as consistently— some would say with even greater effect—as he did when playing No 8 for England.

In addition, his athletic prowess and considerable inteligence and charm have carried him to a position as assistant general manager at the Lornbard Street branch of the United Bank of Kuwait and, in 1981, to second place in the world Superstars event. Had he won that event, the cash prize would have been in the order of £25.000 and the possible sponsorship deals available to the victor would have far outweighed that sum.

Ripley considered seriously the possibility of conceding his amateur status but, in the end, the second-place money went largely to his club and he remained within rugby's fold.

His has always been the ronical eyebrow raised at some of rugby's curious quirks. His long, flowing locks offended some of the more traditionally minded spectators at inter-nationals who did not readily acquaint long hair with manliness. He went round South Africa with the British Lions in 1974 sporting jeans and a T-shirt with the motto: "I'm so perfect it even scares me." He was, in a word, non-conformist

Ripley, who was 36 last month, has not changed that much from a decade ago, though the hair style is trimmed to an acceptable City length.

The fun still bubbles forth, the self-mocking style which has always been his trademark. It does not follow, he says, that because one was lucky enough to play at a certain level "light years ago", one can contribute a rugby should be organized in the 1990s.

Yet be has firm views on how the game should ride with the times at the top level, prefacing his remarks with the opinion that "for the vast majority of rugby players, the collective huffing and puffing of the Rugby Football Union, the International Board, commer-International Board, commer-changing circumstances, is cial interests and even self-where to draw the line and,



me are going to have little material impact on their fun and enjoyment on a Saturday afternoon, which will depend solely on whether they still get a 'buzz' out of the game.

Rugby Union, with its cur-rent rules, is a Victorian anachronism, Ripley says. "The RFU, although they now recognize that they control a multimillion pound revenueearning spectacle in the form of the national team, seem to me unwilling to promote it to its full potential for the benefit of the game, players, spectators and commercial interests," he maintains.

### Status quo

"In 1984 international rugby, like all high-revenue spectacles such as Wimbledon, international cricket, the world darts competition, a Duran Duran concert, has to varying degrees everything to do with entertain-ment, talent, technical exper-tise, winning, politics and money and little to do with

string club athletics and sea fishing off Blackpool Pier on a Tuesday afternoon in January. All this is, in a way, a sadness for rugby since it implies a change in the status quo. However, it is this change that

rugby needs to adapt to.
One of the RFU's problems. once they decide to adjust to the world on a reasonably regular basis. However blinkered or tra-

ditional-bound it is sometimes suggested the RFU may be, they do genuinely care about the game. Their hearts, to use an old Clitche, are in the right place Bob Weighill, the secter-tary of thr RFU, and I have run across each other on a number of occasions. I have also met various sporting entrepreneurs through Superstars and I know who I would like to have running and organizing and controlling rugby - no one does it fairer than Bob.

"However, the existing inter-national bodies must take up, noty what they regard as the threat, but the tremendous opportunities offered by commerce - who are only looking for a good deal. They must give the game to the rest of the world rather than ration it out in small dollops. Otherwise commerce, and the rest of the world outside, will take it away and the voice of the RFU and the IB would be increasingly irrevelant

to the development of the game. Which would be a shame.
"The RFU should form a league system based on the major clubs with four regional sides being selected from them, then disband the current county structure so that counties are fed by non-major clubs.

### Biennial cup

They should suggest to the IB that the five-nations championship be changed so that, for example, in each second year world cup is staged on a geographically filtered basis. They should also allow players to cash in on their talents, through their controlling

Lest it be assumed that Ripley is talking only from the point of view of the tiny percentage of players at the top of the game, it may be worth remembering a function held in London a few weeks ago. Ripley and a handful of like-minded souls were responsible for drawing together some 400 people from different walks of life – rugby, business, communications - and persuading them to part with a certain amount of cash on behalf of one of rugby's less fortunate enthusiasts, a man who is crippled by illness yet has contrived to mae a substantial mark on the

London rugby scene.
It is Ripley's gift that after walking tall among the leaders of the game, he has always remembered those many others of whom the papers seldom talk

need a World Cup? Hands and Gerald Davies argue the case for an innovation that would provide "a logical summit for any player, in a player's game".

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# Moon's purple patch

British Polytechnics ..... 14

A purple patch midway through the first half ensured UAU victory over the Polytechnics at Lough-

sides have been close, low scoring affairs with the Polytechnics winning four of the previous six. The UAU were far more measured and paced their game

with care. Given a wealth of possession at the line outs from Morrison and Egerton, the Universities' half backs, Moon and Baker were able to dictate the pattern of

were able to dictate the pattern of play and were in control by the break causing endless problems for the Polytechnics' defence.

Even so, the Polytechnics had opened with a superb try from Hughes, fashioned by a scything run by Cockell near the touchline and kept their score moving with a penalty goal by Skinner.

The Universities did not take long to get into gear. Webb's three

penalty goals took them shead and penalty goals took them shead and then the tries started to flow freely. It seemed as if the pace of the first half had proved too much for the UAU and their defence cracked just after an hour. Though Cockell was trapped in the centre a Polytechnic boot found the ball, and it squirmed towards the left corner; where an injury time try.

SCORERS: UALL: tries

### Dropped penalty

The Rugby Union appeals tribunal yesterday reduced the suspension imposed on Brixham by the club guilty of serious miscon-duct. Brixham had been suspended until the end of this season, and also from cup and merit table matches next season.

Although their appeal was dismissed, Bob Weighill, the Rugby Union Secretary, said: "It was felt that the sentence imposed by Devoi that the sentence imposed by Devon should be varied and we propose to suspend the club's first XV forthwith for the remainder of this season. Accordingly, the other penalties by Devon are no longer effective."

HOCKEY

# **Artful Rodgers' Cup**

By Sydney Friskin

RAPC Worthy Down. 1st Queen's DG ......

The Royal Army Pay Corps, from Workty Down retained the Army Cup without difficulty at Aldershot yesterday by defeating the First yesterday by defeating the First Queen's Dragoon Guards 7-2 in the final. The winners move on to meet the British Army of the Rhine champions at Rheindahlen.

scoring four goals and Cottrell, two. Both have played for the Army first

Cottrell went through unopposed in the third minute to earn a penalty stroke after being obstructed inside the circle. Rodgers converted. In the twentieth minute. Cottrell again ran

that followed Parker reduced the lead. But Rodgers put the RAPC 3-1 ahead from a short corner just before the interval. He converted a penalty stroke in the third minute of the second half, and after Russell, had reduced the lead to 4-2 from a penalty stroke the RAPC took command again.

Cottrell, Rodgers, from a short

corner, and Horsman completed the scoring but just before the end, Cross failed to get past the goalkeeper from a penalty stroke.

self and making friends. Which is a heavy price, but it is a certainty that it is less heavy than having the top end of the game hijacked by people whose sole interest is their immediate net profit. "A dog loves a man who

feeds it. Players must be fed by the union or through the Union and the control, the rules and the structure should be in the hands of one respected, powerful, world-wide body. Although the home Unions

pressures of change, everyone knows exactly where they stand.

By changing the structure, the

edifice crumbles. But so what, if

where players and ex-players

currently stand is becoming

increasingly ludicrous?

There is, of course, a cost involved in change. The cost

would be the loss of something

fairly intangible - something to

do with doing one's best, not being too concerned about

numbers, about enjoying one-

help to develop the game, they seem unwilling to recognise that the game has also spread into penetrated the globe. Hence the International Board offers only benign paternalism to the organisers and countries who play in the Hongkong sevens and the Comcon nations of Eastern Europe, when what these countries really want is

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# Zaheer makes a stand on one leg

From John Woodcock Cricket Correspondent Lahore

All England's good work of the second day was undone in the third Test match here yesterday by a ninth-wicket partnership of 161 for Pakistan between Zaheer Abbas and Sarfraz, a near-cripple and a tail-ender. It took Pakistan from a perilous 181 for eight to a position from which they will find it difficult to lose. By close of play England, in their second innings, had already lost Smith and Fowler, and they were still

37 runs behind. The England side, I know. will go to their graves believing that Sarfraz was caught at the wicket off Foster when he was 16. When eventually he was out for 90, they huffily failed to applaud him, as though they themselves, when it comes to Botham has something to a batting genius, operating on themselves, when it comes to building they know they are answer for, for Sarfraz's innings one leg walking if they know they are answer for, for Sarfraz's innings one leg.

It all gave Gower his most out, are paragons of virtue. This yesterday. No one had been is an aspect of the game which produces in cricketers a laugh- Botham's recent calumny conable degree of self-righteous- cerning Pakistan.

10:05Sc The incident happened half a came when he was doing much as he pleased with the England bowling. For the first time in the match the pitch was made to look as good as it is. Between them Cook and Marks bowled 66 overs without, so far as I saw, turning a single ball, other than so gently that it was of no

consequence.

fought back to force a draw in the second Test ending here yesterday and retain their 1-0 lead in the three-

Test series. Chasing a target of 266 runs. New Zealan were 123 for four

at close after 347 minutes of batting. New Zealand, who were six for no

loss overnight, made their inten-

tions clear in the morning session

Vinothan John and Ravi Rat-

nayake continued to worry the balamen with accurate bowling in

that session. In the 13th over of the

innings. Geoff Howarth, the skipper

drove lazily at John to get a thick

From the following ball, Reid was leg-before for nought to put Sri

Jeff Crowe, joining John Wright.

the not out baisman then brought

Lanka in command.

target which Sri Lanka had set.

New Zealand draw

Colombo (AFP) - New Zealand the score to 48 before lunch. Next

Bob Willis (right), the England captain, yesterday became the third pixyer to have to fly home from Pakistan (John Woodcock writes). A doctor thought that he might be suffering from mild hepatitis.

Botham, with a knee injury, and Dilley, with a troublesome thigh, have already flown home. England have only the second one-day international to play in Karachi on Monday before they fly home the following day. The party is now down to the 11 playing in the Test match, plus Tavaré.

 Dilley was told by a specialist in Canterbury yesterday that his problem was not orthopzedic (Exchange Telegraph reports). He is now to see

more determined to avenge difficult day in the field. Until

Zaheer, as is well known, has spark of genius in him. an hour before lunch and it was Although having to play for the to bowl the last over before tea stationary position because of that Sarfraz was out. The time his badly strained leg, he found survival reasonably straightforward. He was most at risk when having to duck out of the way of any bouncers that came along, the sudden movement being painful. One, from Cowans, hit imagination. him on the helmet.

bowled in midafternoon that still only eight overs old. From Zaheer ventured much in the Sarfraz's previous best Test way of footwork. When he did score was 55, his best in first so it was instantly effective. class cricket another 90; yet Watching him standing there only twice before in the history and steering the ball around, I of Test cricket have so many was reminded of Graeme runs been added for the ninth Pollock's 209 for South Africa wicket. It could be said, not against Australia at Cape Town entirely gratuitously. Unit in 1967. That too, was made by

came an important partnership, with Crowe's younger brother Martin joining Wright to leave New Zealand on 50 for three at lunch.

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Total (4 wkrs) 123 R. J. Haddes, H. D. S. Smith, B. L. Calms, S. L. Boock and E. J. Chattield did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-10, 2-10, 3-48, 4-89



now he had organized and run a mostly attritional operation. Yesterday, when a breakthrough was essential, he rather waited for it to happen, feeling not until Smith was brought on most part from a more or less sure, with Sarfraz in, that it would soon come. It is a situation which all captains find themselves in occasionally and when, as Gower did, they decided, unsuccessfully, to bide their time, it is easy to say that they should have shown greater

> It was, I thought, a mistake to It was not until Marks bring Cook on with the new ball the way he was playing Cowans and Foster, Sarfraz must have been relieved that he did so. Although Cook looked innocuous, owing to some extent to his reluctance to give the ball air and so a chance to bounce, to me as though the ball could Gower gave him long spells.

the last over before tea, Smith at ensued after this, I would be once had Sarfraz caught at slip. surprised if Sarfraz, with his Gower will have benefited from experience of English County yesterday's frustrations. There cricket, did not give as good as is no worse place for getting he got. The umpires were stuck than in Pakistan, the more obliged in the end to call to so when you reckon to have order those involved, and taken, at least once, the wicket you need. conciliatory gestures.

When Sarfraz came in. England looked to have a real chance of winning. But it is hard to see them doing so now. However, in Karachi the unexpected nearly happened when Pakistan were left withb as few as 65 to win. Left to make 200 here, they could, I suppose, struggle again, inexperienced as they are. Yesterday evening they removed Fowler, caught at the wicket driving at a widish one, and Smith who. having ben sent back by Gatting, slipped in mid-pitch. It was Sarfraz, I need hardly say,

who ran him out. By the time the new ball had become due, in the third over of the day, England had already taken their first wicket. Oadir well caught by Taylor off Foster, low down on the off side. In his first oveer wotht the new ball Foster had Daipat caught at second slip, It seemed hereabouts that England, not Pakistan, would win a useful first innings lead. Zaheer, with Shoaib to run for him again. was finding scoring difficult. and he now had only Sarfraz and Kamal to keep him company. But by lunch, 100 minutes later, Pakistan were

238 or eight. Twice England had allowed the umpiring to upset them - first when they thought Foster had Sarfraz leg-before (it looked well have missed the leg stump)

move, if such it could be thatcatch was out in the termed, was to cal on Smith for exchange of words which Gower was obliged to make

> With Dalpat's dismissal, Foster had become the first English fast bowler to take five wickets in a Test match in Pakistan. Among those who have not done so. albeit against rther better batting, have been Snow, Brown, Willis, Arnold, Old and Lever. Fosxter's friends in the medical profession who were responsible for putting his back together again may take a bow. So may the selectors. They took a chance when they picked him for the tour and it has been well worth it.

BNGLAND: First linnings 241 (V J Marks 74, G Fowler 5th Abbid Casille in for 86, Sartraz Names 4 for 47)
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Total (2 wkts ) 55 A J Lerub, D W Randall, V J Marks, 1R W Taylor, N A Foster, N G B Cook and N G Community bet. FALL OF WICKETS: 1-35, 2-36.

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Vasim Raja c Gower b Cowards
Zaher Abbas not out
Abdul Cadir c Taylor b Foster
Anti Dalpal c Gower b Foster
Sariraz Nawaz c Gattong b Smith
Mohsin Kanpal c Gower b Cook
Extras (1-b 9)

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-9. 2-13, 3-89, 4-138, 5-151, 6-166, 7-175, 8-161, 9-342, 10-343,

BOWLING: Cowaria 29-5-88-2: Foster 32-8-67-5: Cook 46-12-117-1; Marky 20-4-59-1; Smith 1-0-2-1.

# Gower's first imaginative and then they were certain that Australia staggered by further blows

Port of Spain (AFP) - The second Test continues to go badly for Australia. Facing a 213-run deficit on the first innings, they fell to 146 for five at lunch on the final day at Queen's Park Oval yesterday.

The promise of a recovery from their close-of-play score of 55 for three on Tuesday was destroyed when they lost both their overnight batsmen in the space of one run in the morning. It was also announced that Kepler Wessels, their opening batsman, would take no further part in the tour.

Hughes, the captain, and Hogan, the nightwatchman, had put on 73 runs together when the West Indian fast bowlers struck again. Marshall removed Hughes leg-before and Daniel had Hogan caught by Dujon. Border and Hookes saw the Australians safely through to lunch. It has been a good match for

Dujon, the West Indian wicketkeeper. On Tuesday be came in to face the thirteenth ball of the day after Richards had been caught. He left soon after tea, having scored a

indsome 130. Wessels will fly back to Australia for arthroscopic surgery on the cartilage of his right knee. He had

AUSTRALIA: first innings 255. K C Wessels I-b-w b Garner K C Wessels How b Garmer ...

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Total (5 wkts) .. 148 FALL OF WICKETS: 1-1, 2-35, 3-41, 4-114, BOWLING: Marshall 10-0-42-1; Barner 11-1-32-1; Small 10-1-47-1; Deniel 4-1-7-1; Richards 3-2-5-0; Gomes 3-0-5-0.

scored only 36 runs in four innings in this series so far, but had prospered in the other first-class

He will be replaced by Graeme Wood, another left-handed opening batsman and a veteran of 42 Tests. Wood bas already left Australia and is expected to play against Barbados

BOWLING: Lawson, 32-3-132-2: Hogg, 31-2-103-1; Alderman, 35-9-91-2: Hogan, 28-3-123-



# Illingworth sacked by **Yorkshire**

By Marcus Williams
The meeting aside of the ancient spine at Yorkshire County Regime at Yorkshire County Cricket Club was completed yester-day, with the announcement that the new general committee had dis-missed Ray Hingworth (above) as cricket manager. He had held the post since 1979 and had a year of his

contract to run.

The decision was taken by the committee on Monday but was not made public until Illingworth, who is on holiday with his family in Spain, had been informed and duly thanked for his services. In addition to his salary, Illingworth was due to receive a percentage of sponsorship contracts he had organized for the county; the settlement is expected to be around £25.000.

Relations between Illinworth and Geoffrey Boycott had not been easy since Illingworth's return to Yorkshire. Once the pro-Boycott group, who had publicly advocated the abolition of Hingworth's post, gained an overwhelming majority on the general committee earlier this month, his departure was always on

the cards. In September 1981 Illingworth suspended Boycott for making unauthorized comments in the media and although a compromise was reached whereby both men stayed with the club, matters came to a head again last summer. Illingworth reported Boycott to the committee reported poyend to the committee for slow soring in a match at Cheltenham and this led to Boycoti's dismissal and, after a long winter of wrangling, his reinstate-

winter of wrangling, his reinstate-ment a fortnight ago.

Hilingworth first played for Yorkshire in 1951, and for England in 1958. After Yorkshire had refused to offer him more than a one-year contract, he joined Leices-tershire as captain in 1969 and led them to an unprecedented run of soccesses. He captained England in 31 Test matches between 1969 and 1973, regaining the Ashes in Australia in 1971.

After returning to Yorkshire in

After returning to Yorkshire in 1979 as cricket manager, he also took over the captainty, at the age of 50, in the middle of the 1982 season. Under his leadership, and thanks in no small part to his off-spin bowling. Yorkshire won the John Player League last summer - their first major title since 1969.



# From John Hennessy, Ottawa

ICE SKATING

All the portents are that we shall see a supendous performance from Jayne Torvill and Christopher Dean when the world ice dance championship starts here this morning (1 om GMT). There are so many unusual influences on them that they will have all the inspiration they need to add a fourth title to

their glittering collection.

In the first place this will be their competitive swansong and they would be abnormal, ambitious perfectionists as they are, if they did not want it to lift them to even new heights. But beyond that. Ottawa itself has an emotional pull. It was here in 1978 that they first put tentative blades to ice in the global environment. and they have therefore a sentimental attachment

10 the city.

They were eleventh in that first undreamed-of They were eleventh in that first competition, with undreamed-of triumphs only just around the corner. Three years later they won the title at Hartford. Connecticut. somewhat surprisingly in view of the strength of the competition, but from there they have grown to grant stature with a creativity alhed to technical excellence that has technical excellence that has stunned the skating world. Their hold on the Canadian

public is so truly remarkable that one wonders if Britain could have made a greater fuss of them, a question that will no doubt be inswered positively enough when hey return home.

The enthusiasm for them here, characterized by standing ovations even at practice and the need for an answering bow and curtsey from the

skaters before leaving the ice, is bound to have an ulifting effect.

Both the original set pattern paso doble, casting them in the roles of matador and cape, and the "Bolero" free programme to which they will bring the emotion of their last competitive skate together, should be memorable experiences.

Again, they are better prepared than ever before, which speaks volumes in view of the dedication that they have brought to every previous exercise. They arrived here previous exercise, they arrive here early to avoid the effect of jetlag, and Miss Torvill assured us yesterday; "We feel more rehearsed than ever before." They have no fears of the difficult moves that caused them problems during the paso doble in Sarajevo, and their programme, striking enough during the Olympics, has added embellishment that brings it, they feel, to a still more exciting

The competition consists of the three compulsory dances today, the original set pattern tomorrow and the free dance on Saturday afternoon at about 10 pm GMT.

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STANDINGS: Women: (Short programme points or brackests: 1, 1. K Witt (EG) 1.0: (0.4: 2. K Ivanova (USSR) 2.4 (1.2): 3. A Kondrachova (USSR) 2.2 (0.9: 4. Manuels Ruben (WG) 4.5

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BOXING





Champion pairing: Duran (left) and Hearns.

# Duran title date named

New York (AFP) - Thomas Hearns, of the United States, will fight Roberto Duran, of Panama, on June 13 hut the fight will probably be only for Hearns's World Boxing Council light-middleweight title. Duran was not expected to be able to obtain permission to put his World Boxing Association light-middle title at stake over 12 rounds. the organizers said. The date of the fight has been brought forward three days and the venue has yet to be

announced. Both men look on the contest 25 a step towards more fucistive show-

downs despite expecting to earn well over \$3m each for this bout.

Hearns would like to light Markin Hagler for the undisputed middleweight crown and Duran wants another meeting with Sugar Ray Leonard, who makes his comeback shortly after a year out of the ring following an operation on a detached retina of the eye.

Leonard almost ended Duran's career four years ago when he regained his welterweight crown by forcing the Panamanian to abandon after eight rounds.

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Football: Quarter-finals in three European club competitions

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after breaking six ribs in a car crash
Sheffield United's third division.
promotion challenge suffered a setback yesterday when Colin Morris was rufed out for at least a month. It is feared that the winger, who has scored 19 goals this season, could be out for the rest of the season after fracturing a cheekbone in the Associate Members Cup tie at Scunthorpe.

Scunthorpe.

Queen's Park Rangers' Weish international Jeremy Charles, will see a specialist today after suffering

a suspected broken nose during Tuesdays 2-0 reserve team victory over Crystal Palace,

**OLYMPIC GAMES** 

# Taiwan set for Games return

Taipei (AP) - Taiwan, who have been kept away from the last two Olympics by politics, are preparing for the Games in Los Angeles despite disputer over training.

Taiwan are unlikely to win a raedal - or even figure in the finals - but officials here are clated over the island's re-idmission to the Olympics after having spent 12 years on the sidelines

The Los Angeles Olympics will serve as a warm-up for Taiwan for the 1988 games in Scoul, South Korea, when they nope to perform better. Gen Cheng Wei-Yuan, the president of the Chinese Taipei Olympic Committee, said in an

Taiwan were barred from the 1976 Olympics in Montreal and the 1980 Moscow Games necause of their determination to compete under the Nationalist Chinese flag as China's official representative,

Peking managed to get Taiwan ousted from several international sports federations on that point and to be admitted itself to the Olympics. Taiwan were readmitted to the Olympics when they agreed to compete as the Chinese Taipei

Olympic Committee, Mr Peter Chang, the vice president of the committee d. We are happy to be active igain after the long abscence from world competition. Dur ng that period of abscence, our abletes were deprived of apportunities and there were idverse factors on improving the caliber of our athletes."

But officials say they are now facing problems from some promising albieres. Chi Cheng. to fortner Olympic bronze medallist, broke into tears when he delivered a progress report to the committee in September. Miss Chi, the secretary-

general of the Chinese Taipei Track and Field Association, accused athletes of being haughty, impolite and lax in their training. She said they considered themselves as privileged elitists who devoted more time to eating than serious

training.
If such habits continued, she aid, Taiwan would never again have an Olympic medallist. In addition to Miss Chi, who was placed third in the 80-yards women's hurdles in the 1968 Mexico Olympics, Taiwan's only other Olympic laurel was won by Yang Chuan-Kuang, who took the silver medal in the decathlon in the 1960 Rome

Several athletes rejected Miss Chi's accusations explaining that they slowed their training exhausting sustained practices.

Taiwan plans to send a delegation of 70 to 80 officials and competitors to the Los Angeles

### Disabled event for England?

The disabled people's Olym-pics, cancelled by the American organizers because of financial trouble, may be staged in England. The World Wheelchair Games were to have been held at Illinois University in

The British Paraplegic Sports Society said they would stage them in July at Stoke Mandeville. Aylesbury, provided they could raise £229,060.

business of making nimsen in and strong enough to beat the best, did just that yesterday. He also produced the most remarkable result of his career, and probably of this year's All-England championships, sponsored by Yonex, when he won [5-9, 5-15, 15-11 in the scond

round against Luan Jin, the holder. Yates, who looks too frail and

pale to the sort of man who survive on court with one of the fiercest

mashes and most violent movers in the sport, has proved deceptively

resilient before.

In last year's All-England he beat another seeded Chinaman, Chen thang jie, to become the only Englishman in the last eight, and in the Scandinavian Cup in October he

held match points against Luan Jin

nefore losing. "Then he moved up a zeor." said Yates. This time it was the Englishman who found over-drive at 9-11 down in the final game

to win six points in a row.

BADMINTON

Luan's clutch dislodged

by Yates's extra gear

Nick Yates, the England No 2 who spent six months last year counting tournament results as of secondary importance to the business of making himself fit and strong enough to beat the best, did



Bowyer (left), who dominated the midfield, and Birtles, who was a constant threat to the Austrian defence

# Forest are forced into extra time

Sturm Graz....

attacking football, if was this side for most of the first half. of play.

A spectacular dive by the home team's Yugoslav inter-national forward, Bakota, forty seconds before half-time change the complexion of the game. Bakota plunged over Ander-

. spot.

failing which made extra time. Ironically, they nearly had pressure. But with Fairclough necessary in their UEFA Cap had a penalty of their own in and Hart the epitome of quarier-final second leg affect the early stages. Not for the first. Shurm Graz had levellest the time, Birtles was heavily in few alarms until Bakota's run aggregate score against the run volved in the build-up and he into the area.

found Hodge, who put Bowyer through into the six-yard box. The Forest captain was pulled down by Pichler as he went to shoot, and, to the consternation of the home team, Mr Yuschka pointed to

From Peter Ball, Graz son's challenge and picked the penalty spot. The linesman, himself up to score from the however, had kept his flag spot. referee changed his decision to a free kick for offside.

The home side had made little impression until then. That let-off acted as a spur and for the first time Forest's defence came under some

Saria, who was playing with his finger surapped after repor-tedly breaking it in training the previous night, had been the busier goalkeeper. He saved twice from Birtles and with more difficulty, from Daven-

St Etienne

accused

of bribery

The cinb, which reached the semi-

The prosecuting magistrate has discovered what happened to all but 2,760,000 francs (about £231,000) of the 20 million francs (£1,713,000)

slosh fund.

Most of it went in illegal

payments to players and officials and 17 people, including the then manager, Robert Herbin, and national captain Michel Platini, now

playing for Juventus, have been charged.

Nation, has been detained since November for steadfastly refusing to say where the remaining 2,700,000 francs went. Gazzetta Dello Sport

francs went. Gazzetta Dello Sport
says it went into referees' pockets.
The French press had previously
suggested it went to political parties.
The Federation president, Fernand Sestre, said the police
investigations did not support the
allegations. The West German
Federation also desied that any of
their reference as uncoested by the

Roger Rocher, the former chair-

port, the rebound just evading the on-rushing Bowyer and

Hodge. Although Forest were clearly decision angered by the penalty decision they did not allow it to disrupt their rythm. Bowyer and Thijssen continued to dominate the midfield, and Birtles was a constant source of danger to the home defence. But the goal which would almost certainly have, put the game out of the Austrians' reach

just refused to come. JUST TETUSED TO COME.

STURM GRAZ: W Saria; F Feirer, M Steiner, L Schauss, Z Braber, P Huberts, B Bakota, A Pichler, L Szokotal, W Hormann, G Jurtin.

NOTTINGHAM FOREST; H van Braukelen; V Anderson; K Swaln, C Fairclough, P Hart, I Bowyer, F Thigsen, P Davenport, G Barties, S Hodgs, C Walsh. Referee: B Yuschka (Soviet Union).

# **Bucharest** record as Minsk lose

Dynamo Bucharest... Dynamo Minsk ....

The French Football Federation today rejected allegations made in the Italian sporting press that St. Effenne bribed referees during their European Cup campaigus of 1974-83 (Dynamo Bucharesi win 2-1 on agg) Bucharest (Agencies) - Dynamo
Bucharest reached the semi-finals of
the European Champions Cup for
the first time here yesterday after a
tense and exciting 1-0 win over
Dynamo Minsk of the Soviet
Union. finals in 1975 and lost to Bayera Munich of West Germany in the 1976 final, are being investigated for embezzling finids, some of which was used for bribing referees, the Gazzetta Dello Saort chained.

The Romanians won through or an aggregate score of 2-1 after holding the Soviets to a 1-1 draw in the first leg at Tblisi two weeks ago. Augustin twice went close to opening the score in the early minutes before hitting the back of the net from a centre by Orac after only ten minutes.

The Romanians remained on top for most of the first half but they fell back on their lead in the second half and allowed the Russians to take and anowed the Russians to late control. Minsk had eight corners to five during the final 45 minutes but never looked like acoring an equalizer.

Bucharest are the first Romanian team to reach the semi-finals of Europes's premier club competition. BUCHAREST) Moraru: Rednic, Nicolae, Marin, Stanascu, Dragnaa, Movile, Mutescu (from 46th Custov), Tainer (from 97th Turcus), Augustin, Orac.
Mithistic Kurbiko; Shishkyn, Truhan, Borovski, Kurnyn, Gotsmanov, Alsykov, Pudiahav, Zigmanbok, Gurinovich, Kondratyev (from 57th Sokol).

from other countries seem to

work on strength building, he

says, while his practices focas on his forter speed.

# Southampton are spurred by manager's words of wisdom

Southampton's defender, Mick ball, he is quick, he reads things wills, praised his manager, Lawrite well, is good going forward and scores the occasional goal. He's an inspiration to crush Sheffield wednesday 5-1 in Tuesday hight's FA Cup sixth round replay at the Dell. "Managers never get the credit for what they say, but Lawrie was fantastic at half-time", Mill said, header in the thirtieth minute. "He ripped into everybody because he was not satisfied with what we he was not satisfied with what we had done and he really stirred us "Wight, of Birmingham City, saved his side with a goal eight minutes from time against Luton Town at St Andrew's. Stein had put Luton ahead after four minutes. Johnston about half Wednesday were overrum as further goals by Wright, Armstrong and Moran gave Southampton a semi-final match against Everton at Highbury on April 14.

Howard Wilkinson. Wednesday's

wednesday were worth the lead given them by Shirtliff, but a Williams free kick and an own geal by Oliver turned the game Southampton's way. In the second half Wednesday were overrun as further goals by Wright, Armstrong and Moran gave Southampton a semi-final match against Everton at Highbury on April 14.

Howard Wilkinson, Wednesday's manager, was impressed by Wright,

manager, was impressed by Wright, who scored Southampton's crucial third goal. Wilkinson, who knows all about Wright from his days in charge of the England Under-21 side, enthused: "He heads every

# Bamber off to Walsall for £50,000

Dave Bamber, a Coventry City forward, has joined Walsall for £50,000 and will make his first appearance for the third division club in the promotion clash at Wimbledon on Saturday, Coventry have replaced him with Tommy Langley, the former Chelsea, Queens Park Rangers and Crystal Palace forward, who has been signed on a free transfer from AEK Athens. Manchester City have signed Marchester City have signed Gordon Smith from Brighton for £30,000 and further strengthened their attack by taking David Johnson on loan from Everton until the end of the season

Johnson on loan from Everton until the end of the season.

Smith, who was an under-21 Scottish international, joined Brighton from Rangers for £400,000 in June 1980. He played in Brighton's FA Cup Final matches against Manchester United last season, sorting in the first game. 1

Johnson is 33 and is a former Johnson is 33, and is a former Liverpool and England centre forward. City's manager, Billy McNeill, said: "Ipswich were after David but he has decided to come to

Brentford have taken their young full back, Terry Rowe, off the transfer list two days after making him available. The manager, Frank McLintock, said: "I have spoken to

McLintock, said: "I nave spoken to Terry sgain and am giving him the opportunity to prove he can make the grade with us."

A Cambridge United defender, Jamie Murray, has joined Sunderland on a month's loan. It is the manager Len Ashurst's first signing for the Roker Park club.

### Spartak's goal comes too late

Spartak Moscow 1 Anderlecht 0 (Anderlecht win 4-3 on aggregate)
This (AFP) - Anderlecht qualified
for the semi-finals of the UEFA cup
despite losing to Spartak in a
quarter-final, second leg match
yesterday. Spartak, who lost the first
leg 4-2 two weeks ago in Brussels. reduced the deficit when Rodionov scored the only goal of the game three minutes from time, but the ans fell back on defence to hold

Yesterday's results

out for a narrow win.

Euopean Cup Quarter-final, second leg DEUCHAREST (1) 1 D MANSK (0) Augustin 70,000 (Dinamo Bucherest win 2-1 on aggregate).

UEFA Cup Quarter-final, second leg SP MOSCOW (0) 1 ANDERLECHT (Anderlecht win 4-3 on aggragate).

LIBERTADORES CLIP: Qualitying competition; Group one: Sportivo Luqueno (Paraguny) D. Estudiantes de la Peta (Arpentre) D. FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Bristot Royers 4. SERVICES CHAMPIONSHEP: RAF 2, Army 0 (at Untridge). MUDWEEK LEAGUE CUP: Bournemouth 0, Southerd 0. TOUR MATCHE Southern Ameticur League XI S, New England Universities (US) 0.

rail a a result which did nether side any favours. Derby, in their present precarious position, need three points rather than one and Middlesbrough, are starting to struggle too. In the fourth division, Blackpool kept their promotion hopes alive with a 5-1 victory at Northampton.

# Albion to cut back staff

West Bromwich Albion, are to cut the size of their playing staff by almost half before next season. Albion carry one of the largest first-team squads in the first division, with almost 30 senior professionals. The club chairman, Sid Lucas, revealed yesterday that the manager, Johnny Giles, had been told the squad must be severely pruned. "It is impossible to carry on with such a large squad on average gates of only 15,000." Mr Lucas said. "We are now having to cut the cost We are now having to cut the cost according to the cloth. The size of our gates can only support a playing staff of 17 or 18."

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Mr Lucas's warning comes after Albion have spent almost £500,000 in the last six weeks to bring in their new management team of Giles, Norman Hunter and Nobby Stiles, and the players Grealish and Hunt. They have also paid up, the contracts of the former manager. Ron Wylie, and his assistants, Mike Kelly and Albert McPherson.

Albion hope to sell Romeo Zondervan to Ipswich Town today. The midfield player said yesterday that he was "30 per cent sure of signing", and, if so, he will make his debut in Saturday's home match against Watford.

A fee of £70,000 has been agreed

against Watford.

A fee of £70,000 has been agreed between the clubs, and it, will be Bobby Ferguson's first signing since he took charge at Porthan Road in August 1982. Zondervan has also had an approach from a Dutch club.

An Arsenal defender Brian Sparrow, has been recalled after two mouths on loan at Gillingham.

Zondervan: about to leave

# TUESDAY'S RESULTS

First divisions Birmingham 1, Luton 1; Everton 1, Leicester City 1; Watford 2, Burglerland 1.

City 3, Pressors NE 0. Stammhorpe 2, United 3; Transmers 0, Crews Alexa (Transmers win 4-3 on penalties).

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United 4. Wembley 1; Wycombe Wanderses 1.
Oxford City D. Premier division: Bromley 1.
Sarting 2; Harrow 3, Dubeich Hamiet 3;
Leytonstone and Blood 1, Hayee 2; Stathes 3,
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Hornetwich 0, Epson and Evel 0; Tibury 2,
Kingstonies 1, Walton and Heraham 0,
Lestherhead 0; Second divisions Epping 0,
Southall 2; Heinell Hempstead 0, Bastion 2,
Leyton-Wagste 0, Confribian-Casusts 1;
Ubbridge 5, Ware 2.
ATHEMAN LEAGUE: Burnham 3, Wolverton 0;
Haringey 1, Chalfont St Peter 1; Kingsbury 0,
Hartney 1, Chalfont St Peter 1; Kingsbury 0,
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OTHER MATCH: Windsor and Eaton D, Arsens.

wigan, oriniming with conti-dence after recent cup and league victories, are unchanged for the Challenged Cup semi-final with York at Elland Road, Leeds, on Saturday. This means that two players who have made many first team appearances this season, winger Ramisdale and back row forward Pendlebury. must be

forward Pendlebury, must content with substitute roles.

Their second division opponents York, are not lacking in confidence

from hospital to supervise training whilst on crutches following the car

CENTRAL LEAGUE: First divisions Barnley (
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civision: Andover 1, Asinford 0; Basingstoke ;
Canserbury 0; Erith and Betveders 1. Poole ;
Saltsbury 2, Hounstow 0; Tonhridge 0, R
Southempton 3: Woodlord 2, Dunstable ;
Midland divisions Bridgnorth 4, Redditch
Bromsgröve 4, Banbury 1; Dudley 1, Aylesbel
3: Rushden 1, Coventry Sporting 1

TENNIS: Martina Navratilova.

who has won five consecutive Virginia Slims championships at Dallas, withdrew from this year's tournament on Tuesday because of Miss Navratilova, who partnered

Miss Navratiova, who partnered Pam Shriver to defeat Claudia Monteiro and Yvonne Vermank 6-3, 6-3 in a doubles match on Monday, has left the field open for Miss Shiver and Hana Mandlikova of Czechoslovakia, the second and third production of Miss Mondilikova third seeds. Miss Mandlikova OTHER MATCH: Windsor and Eaton D. Arsena and From the football Committee Charleon 1. Odord United 0; Fulhern 2, Luton 4; Queen's Park Rangers 2, Crystal Palace 0; Swansed 2, Milhed 3.

### **RUGBY LEAGUE**

Lowe lends his support

Wigan, brimming with confi- children free for their remaining ence after recent cup and league home games to encourage the

Perth (AFP) - A second West Australian boat will challenge for the America's Cup here in 1987. The West Australian retailing group, Parry Corporation, yesterday an-nounced its intention to contest the right to represent Australia in the country's inaugural defence of the

cup.

Corporation chiefs have officially

The Parry syndicate coordinator will be lan Murray, the national 18ft-Skiff champion.

# FOR THE RECORD

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TENNIS

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M Wilander (Swe) bt E Koris (US) 7-6 (11-9),
6-2; G Ocieppo (II) bt C Hosper (US) 6-3, 0-6,
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round (US unless stated; W White bt R
Febberik (SA) 6-2, 8-2; Z Garrisco bt N
Herraman (Fr) 6-1, 6-4; W Turbid (Aus) bt I.
McNeil 6-4, 6-2; B Herr bt M Mensker (Neit) 6-7,
3, 6-2; B Proter bt A White 6-1, 6-2; V Ruzid
(Rom) bt C Bassast (Carr) 6-4, 6-2; H
Mendikove (Cz) bt I. Sayers (Alis) 6-3, 7-6,

Scots' celebration and hope to have around 6,000 supporters behind them. The coach, Phil Lowe, has been discharged George Younger, the Secretary of State for Scotlend, is to host a accident in which he broke his Blackpool Borough, who are chasing promotion, will admit all

reception for members of the Scottish Rugby Union squad and officials in Edinburgh Castle on Monday, April 2, to recognize the team's success in winning the Triple

"supporters of the future".

Rugby League has now spread to
Southampton. The amateur team,
National Dock Labour Board from

Hull will make a short southern tour this weekend, playing the well established Peckham Pumas, and

recently formed Hamble.

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4, L. de Decker (Bel; 5, J. I. Lagule; 6, J
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(Neth; 8, R Dietzon (WS); 30, C. Kersten (Neth)
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3, P Anderson, two esconds: behind: 4, R
Dietzen, same time; 5, E Grozies, same time.

BOWLS

**RUGBY UNION** BOXING: Barry McGuigan is in line for an attempt on the World Boxing Council's featherweight title

official eliminator.

The holder, Juan Laporte, of Puerto Rico, is to defend his sitle



# China's towering talent in the high jump

# World record holder who feels the pressure away from home

Tokyo (AP) - The world high ump record holder, Zhu Jianua, of China, feels he can leap 2.40 metres (7 feet inches). Zhu, aged 20, towers over most of his teammates at 6 feet 41/2 inches. He holds the world record at This is exemplified by his third-2.38 metres (7 feet 104 inches), place dinish at the world a height he has cleared twice, championships in Helsinki last most recently in Shanghai last

Platini: French captain now with Juventus

September. That, he says, makes him confident he can do better. "I believe I can reach 2.40 metres in the next few years," the soft-spoken Zhu said. But he would not predict it would happen at the Los Angeles Olympic scheduled in August. "I will do my best there." he said.
Seldom appearing in inter-

from his racket cover.

For the English women, who are hoping to win the prize of a Uber Cup place, "It's worse than having to wait for exam results," according to wait for exam results," according national competition, Zhu was to Sally Podger, who nevertheless had a fine 11-3, 11-5, win over the Japanese, Fumiko Tohkairin, to reach the last 16 along with Helen Troke and Karen Beckman. in Tokyo last weekend for a meeting in which he won his specialty with a moderate 2.26 metres (7 feet 5½ inches). "My jump was too low," he said "I thought I should have jumped at least 2.30 metres (7 feet 7 inches)."

"He didn't look so good," Patrick Sjoberg, a high jumper from Sweden and one of Zhu's main threats, said. Sjoberg took eight place because of an injured foot but has a career best of 2.33 metres (7 feet 34 inches). "I haven't jumped all winter," Zhu says. His last competition was at the Asian championships in Kuwait last November.

Zhu has had a bad time with illness this year. "It's too early in the season," Yu Imachi, an associate professor of exercise physiology at Kyoto University and a keen follower of Zhu, said "Obviously, he's adjusting for the Olympic, so this is just part of his training stage."

Those who have been keeping an eye on Zhu say he excels says he is not planning any in China, where the pressure is special training for the Los low, but has problems in Angeles Games. High jumpers in China, where the pressure is low, but has problems in international meetings in which the pressure is much greater.

"If he goes to Europe he will other guys find three of four other guys who will jump 2.30," Sjoberg said. "But at Chinese meets everyone else jumps low."
The youngest of five children, Zhu was born in Shanghai on

"His best point is his approach - his last five steps are very fast," Imachi said. "He's perhaps the fastest in the last five steps. But his weak point is, he jumps too horizontally. Sometimes he jumps almost out of the pit. He was to jump more vertically. He needs to lean

Zhu is a jump or two behind in his Olympic run-up

# **YACHTING**

### Second yacht for cup defence

corporation enters have officially advised the Royal Perth Yacht Club, the custodian of the cup, of the decision. The corporation said it expected to have its 12-metre challenger, which is as yet unnamed, in the water for the 1984-85 Australian yachting season.

REAL TENNIS REAL TENNIS

NEW YORK: United States pro-am doubles:
Cuarter-finate: C J Ronaldson (Hampton Court)
and P Clement bt A C Lovell and J Burles
(Unstached 5-6, 5-5, 5-6, 6-0, 6-1, D C
Johnson (Clesent's) and E G Scott bt W F
Davies (New York) and J MoLean 6-0, 2-6, 6-4,
6-3, L Dauchar (Hampton Court) and G P
Boetwick bt K Shelton (Learnington) and R
Howe 8-3, 8-5, 3-6, 8-3, N A Crippe (Estory) and
G de B Bell bt C J Lumley (Holyport) and N R
Krox 6-1, 8-0, 6-3, Sequi-finate: Ronaldson and
Clement bt Johnson and Soott 8-3, 2-6, 2-6, 6-4,
6-6. Dauchar and Boetwick bt Cripps and
Bell 1-6, 3-8, 8-0, 6-0, 8-4. Finals Ronaldson
and Clement bt Deuchar and Boetwick 6-5, 8-1,
6-1. HOCKEY RIGHOBLE: Eight-haden Inumament: Swit-erland 4, Hungary 2; East Germany 9, France ; Jappar 4, Chiline 4, ; Jappar 4, Chiline 4, ; Japan 5, WRAC 0.

BASKETBALL FALIGRIC Dallates Invitation: Plest round: International Metals (Edinburgh) 132 (Foggin 17), TOB Carolit 85 (Back 28); Austh-Rover Sunderland Massives 72 (Kocher 24), Shue Nun Crystal Palece Superconics 79 (Kaleman 22) Exic 85-45 at full-time).

NATIONAL. ASSOCIATION: Washington Bullets 99, New Jersey Nets 91: Indiana Pacura, 122, Boston Callets 121; Los Angules Lakers 99, Milwaules Bucks 121; Los Angules 108, Claves 183, Admits Hawles 182; Chicago Bulla 108, Claveland Cavallers 104; Kanness City Kings 115, Houston Rockets 102: Phoenix Suns 146, Device Milego 120; Portland Trail Biszors 105, San Diego Clippers 105; Golden Statis Warriors 103, Seattle Supersonics 102, ADMITS\*

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after being named in the top 10 in the latest rankings. The Northern Irishman's bout against the Domini-can Republic's Jose Caba in Belfast on April 4 will be recognized as an

against his compatriot and number one chalenger, Wilfredo Gomez.



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WEN'S SINGLES: First round: Chen Changle
Chrisal bx T Ford (Engl., 15-3, 15-4; R Sidek
stal) bt M Buster (Carn., 15-2, 19-13; H Arbi
indo) bt B McDougal (Carn.), 15-6, 15-2; Joo
3ong Par (S Kor) bt M Soandolers (Aust.), 8-15
5-4, 15-11; K Brodersan (Den) bt H Hasegares
Japan.), 16-18, 15-9, 15-6; K Jody (Engl bt 6
Inyranto (Indo), 15-12, 18-14; H Nishtyans
Japan.), bt Kurnstan (Indo), 15-9, 16-8; E
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Indoerg (Den), 17-14, 15-5; M Froat (Den) bt J
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Sacutes (Den), 15-14, 15-6; Han Jian
Conta) bt G Asquish (Eng), 15-9, 15-4; Han
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Conta) bt G Asquish (Eng), 15-9, 16-4; Han
Conta) bt S Katassemit (Indo) bt S Matsuura (Japan), 15-4,
15-8, U Johansson (Swe) bt Hadiyanto (Indo) 15-4,
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U Johansson (Swe) bt Hadiyanto (Indo) 15-13, 3-15, 15-8; S Butler (Eng) bt M Mohidin Mai) 15-2, 15-1; Deuk Choon Lee (S Kor) bt M Svarrer (Den) 15-2, 11-16, 15-16; Liem Swis-king (Indo) bt D Hell (Eng) 15-2, 15-7; M Keldsser (Den) bt J Helledie (Den) 15-6, 15-6; G Milton (Eng) bt J Thygesan (Den) 18-16, 17-14.

RESULTS FROM WEMBLEY ARENA WOMEN'S SINGLES: First round: Quin Plag
(China) bt S Eleman (Dun) 11-2, 11-2; G Clark.
(Eng) bt D Julien (Car) 3-11, 11-5, 11-2; G
Beckman (Eng) bt S Williams (Wales) 11-4, 112 S Kinda (Japan) bt C Backhouse (Car) 11-8,
11-1; J Webster (Eng) bt H Kindchause (WG) 129, 11-4; Ivana Lis (Indo) bt C Troke (Eng) 11-1,
11-5; C Hatisars (Dun) bt D Blair (Eng) 11-8,
11-2; C Hatisars (Dun) bt D Blair (Eng) 11-8,
11-8; C Kumatadesi (Indo) bt A Ghis (Inda) 118, 11-2; C Magnusson (Swe) bt J Salardass
(Car) 11-3, 11-2, 11-4; Yun Ja Kim (S Kor) bt
Y Kusmistie (Indo) 11-8, 11-8; P Hursthon (Sco)
bt K Tah (Mah 11-1, 11-6; S Louis (Eng) bt K
Schmistier (MG) 8-1, 11-7, 11-6; Bot Sun Kim
(S Kor) bt D Hore (Eng) 11-2, 11-6; Zheng Alling
(Crims) bt F Elliott (Eng) 11-1, 11-6.

make a last minute bid for a

Thomas Cup place.

One of Jolly's opponents, the young Serian Wiyanto, ran into the same sort of desperate luck that has bedevilled him since he came to this

bedevilled him since he came to this country this season to improve his game. Not long after he did so his mother dies and he was on his way back to Jakarra. Shortly after yesterday's first Wembley appearance — a 15-12, 18-14 loss — he discovered that his wallet, money, and passport had all been stolen from his pecket cover.

RAF end Army run

The RAF football team beat the yesterday, to end a run of four Army victories in the Constantinople Cup, the inter-services championship.

Cpl John Bartley (Coningsby.

Lincolnshire) scored in the first half. Cpl Bob Priddy (Finningley, Yorks)

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Indian is among his opponents. By that good horse. Wolver Hollow, Cataldi cost his owner. Khaled Abdulla,170,000 guithe second of his two races last year Cataldi finished fourth at Newmarket, beaten less than three lengths by Bob Back, who won the coveted Premio Tevere in Rome afterwards. The form of his Newmarket race received another boost at Doncaster laster when the third horse. Falstafi, finished fourth in the William Hill Futurity.

• From today Michael Phillips will use the pen name "Mandarin" marking his entry into The Sporting Life Naps table.

Boid Indian's placed form behind Keen at Ascot in July and Alleging at Newmarket in September augured well for his second season, but I still prefer Cataldi who looked fit and full of the joys of spring when I saw him out at exercise at Pulborough on Tuesday along with numerous other horses trained there by Guy Harwood.

Karablake. Harwood's other runner today should also go after a long rest - to suggest that well in the Bertie Bassett he could be the one to be on for Handicap Stakes, but I doubt the Piper Champagne Handicap whether he will beat Keelby Hurdle, Incidentally, the spon-kavalier over only a mile and a sors of the race. Piper Heidhalf, especially as his best form sieck, announced yesterday that last season was over further. hard as iron after a winter spent Newbury. Nottingham. New-hurdling with considerable market. Leicester and Lingfield

It was over today's course addict of Flat tacing must and distance that he won a concede that the new season similar race last May and will begin on a tame note at judged on his recent perform-Doncaster today. My idea of the ances at Cheltenham, where he best bet on the card is Cataldi in was runner-up to Browne's was runner-up to Browne's Gazette, and Kempton Park. Guaranteed Sweepstakes, even where he was second to I though the promising Bold Haventalight, he could easily be where he was second to I in the right frame of mind to win another.

The presence Khaled Abdulla, 170,000 gui-neas when he was a yearling. In the Doncaster Mile will guarantee plenty of support in the betting shops up and down the country for Richard Hannon's four-year-old, who will like the ground. However, in this instance I prefer Spanish Place, ground. trained by Barry Hills and ridden by Steve Cauthen. Last season Spanish Place's best performance was arguably his first at Newmarket where he was runner-up to Muscatite in the Craven Stakes.

Leading Artist, my selection for the Louise Stockdale Challenge Cup Handicap Chase at Towcester ran very well at Chepstow last Saturday when he was runner-up to Disheloth. especially when one considers that it was his first race for four months. That exercise must have done him a power of good and now that he will be running on one of his favourite courses again, and better still on ground that he relishes, he should be hard to beat.

Peter Anthony ran well enough in the Imperial Cup at Sandown Park recently - also they are to sponsor six races on Also Keelby Kavalier will be as the Flat this summer at York.

DONCASTER [Televised: C4: 2.45, 3.15, 3.45, 4.15]

GOING: straight course, good; round, good to firm. Draw: 51-81 high numbers best

Tote: double: 3.45, 4.45. Treble: 3.15, 4.15, 5.15.

2.45 PLAYFAIR RACING ANNUAL BROCKLESBY STAKES (2-y-o colts

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ELEGANT PORT (T Hennig) T Parhurst 8-11

MOVING RIVER (J Hobbit) J Jefferson 6-11

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SHIPMATE (A Steven) D Ancil

STRICTLY BUSINESS (Cannine Ltd) J Berry 8-11

TAREL AFFAIR (J Tremain) R Stubbe 8-11

TUTBURTY (G Adsheed) W Virbarton 8-11

VIDEO ROCKET (J Rees) R Hobiashed 8-12

SUBSECOUT Dynasty 8-11 P Eddery (S-2) M Lambert 14 ran.

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7-4 Strictly Business, 9-4 Provideo, 4 Video Rocket, 7 Elegant Port, 10 Tutbury, 14 others.

3.15 BERTIE BASSETT HANDICAP (£3,381: 1m 4f) (16)

DOWN FLIGHT (D) (E Motion) G Wragg 4-9-13
SAY PRIMULA (D) (Kawa) J W Wrote 6-9-13
HUNGARIAN PRINCE (D Hobdell) G Thomas 4-9-4
GENERAL CONCORDE (T Ramaden) D Dale 4-9-3
WAGONER (D) (A Oldrey) P Walwyn 4-9-2
WESTOR (P Mannyn) D Nizholson 4-9-2
CLEARLY BUST (D) IK Sponder) D Mortey 4-8-13
DANCING ADMIRAL (W Gredey) C Britain 4-8-13
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SKI RUN (0) (P Wigham) P Wigham 9-8-1 0. HARRY HASTINGS (R Least) J Wison 9-7-8 LURGI'S GLORY (R Leavan) R Willemm 4-7-7 1982: Regal Steel 5-8-0 Paul Eddery (7-2 (1-fav) R Hotlinshead 12 ran

3 Keelby Kavaker, 9-2 Harry Hastings, 11-2 Nestor, 7 General Concorde, 8 Regal Steel, onal Flower, 10 Dancing Admiral, 14 Karabiaku, 16 others. PORM: Say Primate 1 1/1 2nd to Ballader (Ayr 1m 4), £10,610, good), Wagamer, 1.2 6th behind Samella Man (Ascot, 2, £15,880, good to firm). Nestor (9-6) beater 3 by Narsbour (8-11). Kempton, 1m 41 (£2,754, good). Wanderful Sarprise 1/2 winner Haydock (1m 4), £3,178, good). Karablake (9-9) had Regal Steel (10-0) 8 back in 3rd when 2 2rd to Nassipour (9-7) at Sandom (1m 6), £2,100, good). Keelby Karvaker (8-2) beater just over 21 when 44 to Asr at Doncaster (1m 4) £1,2552, good to Brm) with Regal Steel (7-13) 12th. Harry Heatings unplaced in Cagnes, world by 15 at Catternsk (1m 6). £1,176, good). Leighs Glery 1 1/2 3rd to Emma Royale at Doncaster (1m 4), £3,840, good to firm).

**Doncaster selections** 

By Mandarin 2.45 Provideo. 3.15 Keelby Kavalier. 3.45 Spanish Place. (Next best) 4.15 Philstar. 4.45 CATALDI (Nap). 5.15 Phoebe Ann.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent 2.45 Provideo. 3.15 Down Flight. 3.45 Shaady. 4.15 Dunant. 4.45 Bold

By Michael Seely 3.15 Keelby Kavalier, 3.45 Teuon Bay, 4.45 Cataldi.

3.45 DONCASTER MILE (£8,787: 1m) (10) 

FORM: Silver Season (9-7) 11 2nd to Prego (6-5) at Newbury (1m 27,610, good to firm). Sheady won Cagnes (1m, 23,713, good, Feb 14). Spanish Place, beat Lindae Fantasy at Goodwood (1m, 22,423, good) earliar nik 2nd to Muscarite (Newmarkst, 1m, 210,938, good to act). Tetron Bay won 5 times at 81 in 1983, including Ascot th cap (9-8) (25,598, good to firm). Water Moccasin (9-1) 3 3rd to Vacarme (8-11) at Newbury (6f, 220,475, good). Southern Arrow won 3 races over 5f and 6i in Italy. Golden Plute beat view at Newcastle. (7f, 23,813, good to firm). Wellow Cance 2nd at

4.15 BATTHYANY HANDICAP (3-y-o: £2,835: 5f) (7) 

FORM: OUR DYNASTY (8-11) best PYTHAGORIAN (8-11) easy 41 at this meeting last year (51 21-44, soft) BREGA BOY (8-11) had PHILSTAR (8-11) 3% back to 3rd when winning at (Ayr. 51, 23.012, good). HILTON BROWN (9-0) best DUNANT (9-3) 21 when 4th and 5th to Broadwater Music (51, Newmarker, 255.772, good to firm). PHILSTAR (8-7) 1½ 2nd to Keitys Reef with YOU LOVE ME (7-10) out of first 9 (51, Newmarker, 23.412, good to firm). Selection: BREGA BOY.

4.45 FRENCH GATE MAIDEN STAKES (3-y-o: £822: 1m) (8) 00- ARROW BEAK (Mrs W Fine) W Musson 9-0
33- BOLD BIDIAN (Sir P Oppenheimer) G Wrapg 9-0
00- CATALD (K Abdusis) G Harwood 9-0
00- PETER MARTIN (M Hurley) P Kelleway 9-0
00-0340 PLOUGHMAN'S (J Bigg) R Holfischeed 9-0
00-0340 PCRKYBELLO (I McInnes) A Smith 9-0
4- PRIME ASSETT (8) (Mrs P Yong) W O'Gorman 9-0
00- QUEENSBURY LIZ (MR's D Cavalho) D.Dale 9-11
1983: One O'Clock Jump 9-0 G Starkey ('-2 fav) F Dur 18 ran. 11-8 Catalo, 3 Bold Indian, 9-2 Prime Assett, 6 Pater Martin, 9 Ploughman's, 14 other

FORM: 90LD INDIAN 51 3rd to Keen at Ascot (8), 25,736, firm) and 3½ 3rd to Alleging (Newmarks), 7, 24,94, good to firm). CATALDI 2½ 4th to Bob Black at (Newmarks), 1m, 24,936, good). PETER MARTIN heed 2nd to Millside (Yermouth, 1m, 21,036, soft), PLOUGHMANS placed in Cagnes, was 31 3rd to Alpine Strings in 1983 at Windsor (8), 2590, good to firm). PRIME ASSET 10 4th to Van Dyke Brown at Yermouth (7), 21,034, good). Selection: CATALD).

5.15 SEE IT LIVE IN YORKSHIRE HANDICAP (3-y-o fillies: £1,949: 6f) (8) 11-4 Phoebe Ann. 7-2 Fit The Jug. 4 Blaine Ann, 11-2 Weish Rosery, 7 Nieks.

PORIS: WELSH ROSRAY 1 by winner of Saisbury maries (5f, £1,587, firm), BAKERS DOUBLE (8-10) best FILL THE JUG (8-12) If when 2nd and 3nd to Pidge The Times (1-lambon, 5f, £318, good to firm). PHOSBE ANN short head winner of Ayr numbers (6f, £1,280, soft) sariesr made all ever some course and distance (5288, good). NEKA 31 5th to Boszings (Batt), 6f, £1,280, herd), 880 BRANCO 119 winner of Catterick seler (5f, £220, good). ELAINE 77 3rd to Saisonmann (Warwick, 5f, £280, good to soft). PAPER MACHE 44 4th to Showtime in seler (Catterick, 5f, £280, good).



Habibti: ready to race tomorrow, but will not be seen until June

# Habibti still the scene-stealer in Dunlop's earthly paradise

By Michael Seely

Habibti, last season's European champion sprinter, will have her first race of the new campaign at first race of the new campaign at Lingfield Park on June I. John Dunlop, the flying filly's trainer, said yesterday; "Habibu's so well!. She's all ready to go, I wish there was a race for her tomorrow. But there are no group one races for sprinters before the King's Stand Stakes at Royal Ascot. The conditions of the Lingfield race make it look an ideal preparation."

Last season Habibti was unanimously voted racehorse of the year. Her four victories in top-class

RACING: FIRST DAY OF FLAT SEASON AT DONCASTER

Her four victories in top-class sprints, including the William Hill sponsored July Cup and Prix de l'Abbaye at Longchamp, belped to carry Dunlop into second place in the trainers' table behind Dick Hern the trainers' table behind Dick Hera with 89 winners of races worth £475,324. This total, combined with the £397,519 won by his horses abroad, made the 44-year-old Ulsterman leading trainer in terms of prize nomey amassed. Awaasif and Mountain Lodge were two of the principal contributors to his win-nings with their triumphs in the Gran Premio del Jockey Club in Milan and the Irish St Leger at the

The tree-lined slopes of Aruadel Park seem like an earthly paradise on a sunny spring morning, and it was interesting to talk to Dunlop about Suaafi Dancer after watching Shaikh Mohammed's \$10.2m record-priced yearling at exercise. of police the enormous natural

£571: 2m) (18 runners)

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SWIFT ROTALE D Oughton 6-11-4
THE ROYAL COMPAGE J Webber 5-13-4
TUDOR SQUERE D Tucker 7-11-4
CHANTAGE R Bisteriey 5-10-13
COOMBE SPIRIT J Beiter 4-10-10
CRADLE OF JAZZ J Old 4-10-10
JALINTER W Mans 4-10-10
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11-4 Mountville, 4 Henry Bell, 9-2 Cradle Of Jazz, 6 Tough Customer, Swift Boyale, 10 On The Warpsih, Coombs Soint, 14 Jaumer, 16

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2041 PAYAL ROUSSE. C Loggin 11-11-0
0071 ST AND WAIT G Lee 7-11-0
0073 FLYING MESTRESS J Webber 6-10-9
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00p3 SUPER BRAT Rex Center 5-10-6

AMERICANT P M Toylor 11-10-8

problic curiosity about such an expensive horse, but there's really nothing to say at this stage of his development." Dunlop said. "Snaafi Dancer has a marveilously relaxed temperament. However, be is still so backward that we haven't given enough any serious work to be able to comment about his ability. He is most unlikely to run before the summer."

Students of these matters will be aware that Shareef Dancer, the \$3.3m yearing who Michael Stoute transformed into a \$40m stallion, was also not seen in action until the

August of his two-year-old career.
Vasst is one of 179 borses in
training at Castle Stables. Last
season's Irish 2,000 Guineas winner has Sandown's Eclipse Stakes as his principal target. "Ten furloogs could be Wassi's ideal distance, and races like the Lockings Stakes at Newbury and the Brigadier Gerard stakes at Sandown would appear to be the natural progression," the trainer commented. Montekin, last year's Waterford Crystal Mile winner, remains in training, as do Harly and Ouslow, who will be aimed at pattern races in France and

Germany. Dunion had no two-year-old stars last season and Almood possessed the best public form. Shelkh Mohammed's Habitat colt won his last two races, including the Tankerville Nursery on the disquali-fication of Leipzie, "Almood will go to Rome on April 15th for the

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Premio Parioli. It's the Italian equivalent of the 2,000 Guineas," Danlop said. Once again the Sussex trainer is intending to exploit the

Possessed of an incisive and realistic mind. Dunlop is traditionally inclined to undercall his hand when assessing his well-bred and expensive horses. "Cherry Hill, Hot Rodder, Sam M and Luminate all have potential, but it is too early to making any grand plans for

Cherry Hill is sired by Arundel's Cherry Hill is sired by Arumdel's 1978 Derby winner. Shirley Heights, and rau with immense promise when third to Rousillon at the Newmarket July meeting. Timeform speak well of Sir Rex. Cohen's colt and they also comment favourably on Hot Rodder, a bay colt by Forli who is a full brother to the cohole had be been also comment. the stable's high-class miler. Posse.

In 1983 High Hawk's four rictories in top races at home and in France and ireland made Shaikh Mohammed's three-year-old the most progressive filly in training. Dunlop considers Birdwood, Celtic Assembly, Circus Plume, Crements and Out of Shot to be capable of mobiles improvement on their tranmaking improvement on their two-year-old form.

"It will be asking too much to think that any of them might turn out to be another High Hawk, but all five fillies have obvious potential," Dunlop said. Crements is a half sister to Runnett and Rutland.

1983: Macotrer 5-11-4 S Morshead (4-1) J Clid 12 ran. 3 Aleos. 7-2 Morning Line, 4 Sandhaven, 8 Double Discount, 8 Twos Lucky, 10 Crecal Path, 12 Peter Anthony, 14 others. 4.30 MANNING HUNTERS CHALLENGE CUP CHASE (Div I: amateurs: £448: 2m 5f 110yd) (11)

1982: Royal Crest 9-12-2 Mr R Marrin (3-1) Mrs E Cockburn 18 ran. 11-8 Spanetia, 3 Matt Murphy, 5 Bobby's Fox, 7 Swartly, curterione, 12 Eight Bs1, 14 Others.

5.0 MANNING HUNTERS CHALLENGE CUP CHASE (Div II: amateurs: £448: 2m 5f 110yd) (11) 

1963: Royal Dust 9-12-2 Mr R Marss (3-1) Mrs E Cockburn 16 ran. 10-11 Emboy, 8 Mr Mole, 5 Rugy, 7 Geme Trust, 12 Scort, 14 others.

3 Leading Artist, 4 Below The Set, 6 Bellygore, 7 Rocemist, 8 Mr jumboots, Ambremont, 12 Reids, Hopeful Answer, 16 others. 5.30 GREENS NORTON NOVICE HURDLE (Div 1) 3.30 WOOD BURCOTE NOVICE CHASE (2961: 2m 4.0 PIPER CHAMPAGNE HANDICAP HURDLE .0 1962: The Ganger Mae 4-10-5 J Davies (12-1) D Esworth 15 ren. i McCourt 8-11 Certain Light, 4 Market Man, 6 Saffina. 8 End Of The Road, 10 Dyna Dreant, 12 others.

Worcester results GOING: Good 1.30 (2m 4f chase) 1. Royal Norman M. Brabours, (11-2); 2. Bright Ospala (100-30 far); 3. Good as Ever (10-1); 4. Haystach's Flyer (33-1). nk. nk. 16 ran. A Brisbowns, Tote 55-20, 51.30, 51.40, 51.40, 07: 27.30, C.S.F.

4.30 (2ru 41 crisse) 1. Sandwalker (S Morshead, 3-1); 2. Palmyra-Count (7-4 fav); Celtic Slave (10-1); 4, Mension Marauder (16-1); 19; 39; 14 ran. NR: Coleen King, Mrs M Ramel, Totac £4.00; £1.00; £1.10; £2.80. DF: £4.00, CSF: £7.86. 5.30 (2m of Particle) 1, Master Boot (M Caswell, 5.30 (2m of Particle) 1, Master Boot (M Caswell, 7.2 (sey); 2, Major Serbock (4-1); 3, Chandle (14-1), 4, Coyor (10-1), 71, 11, 23 ran, 0 O'Nell, 10se; 25.00; 51.00, 52.10, 52.80, DP, 221.20. CSP: £18.25, Piscepon £448.25.

Kelso Going Good. 2.15 (2m hurdis) 1, Tarobin M Barnes (5-1); 2 Deep Line (5-4 fav); 3, Princa Soi (25-1); 4 Nero Well (5-1); 3); 101, Tota: 24.00; 21.30 21.00, 28.50, DF: 23.10, CSF, 212.44. 3.15 (Sm chase) 1. Colonel Herry Mr Dryedse; (16-1); 2. Geyle Warring (5-6 fe/); Arbur's Bel (23-1); 4. Lady Buttons (7-1), 11 81, 7 ran Mrs C Bostiwalis, Totte: £111 £2-20, £1-30, DF: £5.10, CSF £29-£3. 3.45 (2m hardis) 1, Choose R Eartshaw (1-6 lay); 2, Gool Andy (7-1); 3, Abreys Hopekii (20-1). 4, Ragabury (16-1). 10, 12, 15 ran. M Dickinson. Tota £1.30; £2.20; £1.50, £1.00. DF: £1.90. GSF £2.72.

4.45 (3m F hurde) 1, Born Rooks (Ar M Mescher, 9-9, 2, Toorift Bre, (33-1); 3 Rukotso (14-1); 4, Stander (8-1); 4, 2, 12 ma. R Reher, Tom: 22.50; 51.30, 25.80, 58.20, DP 51-63.10, CSP: 563.70, TRICAST: 5800.34 Placecost 513.05. Course specialists

TRANSPERS & Harvood, 18 wire from 78 surveys, 23.1%; W O'Gormen, 14 from 82, 17.1%; B HBs, 16 from 119, 15.4%; JOCKETS: J Mercer, 25 wire from 115 rides, 20.1%; G Starkey, 27 from 144, 18%; W Carson, 34 from 209, 16.3%; (Switches over last five sections.) Blinkered first time DONCASTER: 4 45 Prime Asset. OFFICIAL SCRATCHINGS: All engagements issuit: Caverion, Elecon, Nortza, Rosy Fuzze, Fostorough, Taemp, Pive Apain, Cak Ridge Boy, Childrone, Bold Biddy, No Hassel, Sheir Machess, Reedmace.

DONCASTER

Waitz can make this show run

ATHLETICS

and run From Pat Butcher New York

Grete Waitz's decision to attempt an unprecedented sixth title in the world cross-country championships here on Sunday will probably do as much as anything to conven Americans to this sport.

Special running lanes for joggers on the roads through and around Central Park testify to the impact of the marathon, and Mrs Waitz, of Norway, is almost a US national heroine after her four victories in the New York marathon. But crosscountry running is considered even more eccentric here than in Britain. where it began a century ago.

Mrs Waitz decided only a month

ago that she would not run the Rotterdam marathon in mid-April. which has left her free to run here. after she had said last year that we had seen her last cross-country race. She has not competed in cross-country since waning her fifth world title in Gateshead last March. but she said yesterday that after the inclusion of some speed work in her last month's traming, she should be able to cope with the five-kilometre

There will be much interest in now she copes with Maricica Puica, who beat Mrs Waitz in this championship in Rome two years ago. Miss Puica, of Rumania, was injured last year and did not race but the course here at Meadowlands is a norse-race track similar to the one in Rome.

SKIING

# Miss Hess holds the upper hand

Zwiesel, West Germany (NFP) -Tamara McKinaey, of the United States, the 1933 World Cup winner. won the last women's giant slalom of the season here yesterday, to set up a showdown between Enka Hess, of Switzerland, and Hanni Wenzel. of Liechtenstein, for the 1984 trophy in Oslo tomorrow.

Miss Hess, who leads Miss Wenzel by nine points, was second vesterday, and won the giant skalom title as a result, neither woman improved her overall score, under he points system which counts only the four best results in each category. Miss Hess will win the cup, if she finishes at least second in the closing special slatom. If Miss Hess finishes third

tomorrow, she will earn three points, but Miss Wenzel stands to gain 16 points for a victory, giving her the overall title by four points.

her the overall tide by four points.

WOMEN'S (BART SLALOM Zwieself 1, T. McKinney (US). 2mm 13,28ee; 2. E. Hess (Sastz). 2:4.05; 2. B. Ferrandsz-Ochoa (Sp). 2:4.25; 4. M. Kell (WS). 2:4.4.3.5. C. Nelson (US). 2:4.44; 5. H. Barber (F), 2:14.44; 7, M. Focci (Senzt). 2:14.56; 8. H. Wenzel (Lech). 2:15.42; 9. Krather (Ausana). 2:16.01; 10. D. Amssarda (US). 2:16.05; 11. Z. Hans (Sentz). 2:16.20; 12. A. Fley (F), 2:16.49; 13. M. Hens (Sentz). 2:1.70; 14. A. Arassana (CZ). 2:17.09; 15. O. Charvatova (CJ). 2:17.17.

OVERALL: E. Hess., 15.0es. 2. C. Dooger (US). 90; 3. McKinney, 85; 4. Kept., 77; E. Wenzel, 69; 6. Fign. 64.

WCHO CUP: Overall: 1. E. Hess., 247pts; 2. Werzel, 238; 3. McKinney, 190; 4, 1 Epple (WS). 178; 5. Fign., 166, 8. Cooper, 161.

CYCLING

# Classic to be staged on Isle of Wight

By John Wilcockson

A further step was taken sesterday in British professional cycling's progress to full inter-national status. The Michelin company announced their sponsor ship of a 200 kilometres one-day race, to be known as the Michelin Isle of Wight classic, which will be held for the first time on Sunday, June 10.

A prize fund of more than £7,000 has already attracted an entry from the French team, Peugeot-Shell their squad the Scottish personalir Robert Millar. The race has the ful backing of the Isle of Wight council, and it will be the highlight of a weekend, that will include amateur faces on both days. A particularly hilly route has been

mapped out for the Michelin race, with two laps of the island's marathon course being followed by six laps of a 15 kilometer circuit that includes two severe climbs into and out of Ventnor, where the race will start and finish.

**TODAY'S FIXTURES** FOOTBALL.

7.30 unless stated ALLIANCE PREMIER LEAGUE: Bob Lord Trophy Durd round second leg: Tellord v Everton. Second division: Naurcastle v Lead: (7.00). LONDON SENGOR CUP: Third round: Dulwick Hamlet v Tooting and Mitchem. TOUR BEATCH: AFA XI V New England Universities (Old Latymerians FC, Hounslow

OTHER SPORT RUGBY LEAGUE: Second division ismouth, 11.0). BOWLS: Nesonal Indoor champi (Harriapool). British isles women's chi pho Nesonana. Last 16 promises a battle of the sexes

As a heavy mist was burnt away by the midday sun to reveal a clear blue

Sam Torrance and John O'Leary ooked as if they were still limbering up for the main event as they overpowered Terry O'Nion and Paul Hunt, 6 and 5 in the fourth round of the Sunningdale foursomes

Perhaps it is because they want to sharpen their games for the forthcoming PGA European tour that these two experienced pro-fessionals are prepared to put their reputations on the line and subject themselves to the prospect of playing eight rounds in four days And, for that matter, they are playing without a publicized prize fund and with the knowledge that the first prize is unlikely to exceed that which each would win for simply finishing fiftieth in the European Open on this course next
September.
Even so. Torrance and O'Leary
are here strictly on business which
they emphasised well enough by

starting the afternoon with an eagle three at the first where Torrance hit a mighty drive and then holed from 12 feet after O'Leary had played a three-tron approach. When O'Leary had taken advantage of Torrance's six-iron to four feet for a birdie four at the thirteenth, the match ended with O'Nion and Hunt in the country.

Looking at the list of survivors.

O'Leary, who reached the final with Carl Mason in 1980, and Torrance have most to fear from the female partnerships in the last 16.
The concession of shots for the

women has been made all the more generous because of the conditions.

at this time of year they would usually require a wood. By the time usually require a wood, by the time they stood on the eighth tee, they were four up and virtually out of reach of their opponents from whom they were receiving no less Some might suggest that the concession is too generous, but then that is the manner in which this

sky, and the arrival of spring, so the course continued to play fast and

Mary Makenna and Maureen

Madill, who reached the final in

1981 had a handsome 7 and 6 win

in the morning, and they followed

that with a fine 4 and 2 success over Derek Small and Craig Defoy, Miss McKenna and Miss Madull un-

doubtedly benefited from being able

to use trons with which to reach the fifth, sixth, and seventh holes where

into the hands of the fairer sex

thoroughly entertaining tournament is set up and indeed, Michelle Walker and Christine Langford, who won in 1982, are the only all-female partnership to have succeeded.

Miss Walker and Miss Langford are through to the last 16 again, as are Gill Thornbill and Claim Waire who had to go no further than the matches yesterday. Alison Saunders, a teenager from Stoneham, and Caroline Griffiths are also in the last 16 while John Davies and Martin Davetta could still become the first partnership since the last war to make a successful defence.

RESULTS AT SUNNINGDALE

THIRD ROUND

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OLD COURSE: M. I. Kirty and G. Wilson bt. F. S. Gictio and E. Grant, 5 and 5: Mrs. J. Thomhail and I. Miss. C. Warfe bt. A. Drake and T. Greenwood, 7 and Bt. J. R. Jones and H. J. Evans. Bt. C. North and Miss. C. Haylar, 20th; S. Actirck: and D. Shacpard, bt. M. A. Nacotamid and T. Coles. 3 and 2; Miss. A. Saunders and Miss. G. Griffiths bt. I. Young and H. Stott, 19th: N. Hansen and D. Robson bt. M. H. Hootson bt. R. Whrahead and J. Linaker, 2 and 1; Miss. L. Deves and Miss. B. New bt. J. Wood and Miss. H. Perd. 5 and 4.

D. J. Ray and D. Scanlon bt. L. Scott and P. M. S. Low 3 and 2, M. Harbert and P. Hughes bt. B. Sparies and Miss. T. E. Hammond, 4 and 2; S. W. Sam 2, M. J. Harbert and P. Hughes bt. B. Sparies, 5 and 4; Miss. M. Walker and Miss. C. Langford bt. A. Lyddon and B. Sandry, 3 and 2.

J. Garnet and Miss. N. Holloway bt. A. Hartley and J. Ord. 3 and 2; K. Macdonsald and M. Vickery bt. J. N. Baldsen sind N. Micken, 5 and 4; J. P. Hunt and T. O'llasny and S. Torrance bt. A. Sherborne and R. D. A. Smith, 3 and 2.

NEW COURSE: P. Johnson and C. Coombs. bt. C. Burnets and K. Davies., 21st. G. Thompson and

Sherborne and R D A Smith, 3 and 2. NEW COURSE: P Johnson and C Coombs bt C Burgers and K Davies, 21st G Thompson and A Ascobnesid by I C Taylor and Miss G Teschaer, 3 and 2 i Whyatt and M Molean bt B Smith and B Caiger, 5 and 2; A Way and D Hudberth bt A Bleckburn and R F Hervey, 3 and 2; P Taylor and K Masseet bt R Newman and D Overs, 2 holes; M Devetta and J C Davies bt G Semenors and D Burnett bt Mes M Burton and Mes D Hestings, 3 and 2; A Smith Service of the se



Claire Waite: successful yesterday (Photograph: Chris Cole)

# Murray's happy safari puts him in Open hunt

From a Special Correspondent, Lusaka

Surrey, is looking forward to playing in the Open Championship at St. Andrews next July as one of the privileged exempt players after some stirring performances on this winter's African Safari tour, which ends in Lusaka this weekend with

Murray, a former Scottish boy champion, is almost certain to win his place in the Open by finishing top of the Safari money list in this week's event. The only man who could conceivably catch him is the Spanish Ryder Cup player Jose-Maria Canizares, winner of the Kenya Open two weeks ago, but it would require a dramatic change in the fortunes of the Kwacha. Zambia's troubled currency, to

Ewen Murray, the tournament prevent the Scot from lining up rofessional at Walton Heath, alongside the best players in the alongside the best players in the world next July. Murray deserves his place at St

Andrews because he has experi enced wretched luck over the years in his attempts to get into the Open The last time he qualified was in 1979 and since then he has three times been involved in sudden-death play-offs for the final places. each ending in bitter disappo Murray is joined in Lusaka by his

fellow Scot Ken Brown. The 27-year-old Ryder Cup international the winner of last year's Kenya and Dutch Opens, opted out of last week's Mufulira Open after finishing fourth in Kenya.

American Bill Calfee has returned to Zambia to defend the title

**SNOW REPORTS** 

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Law Report March 22 1984

# Licensing of sex shops code is not mandatory

Regina v Preston Borough Council, Ex parte Quietlynn Ltd Regina v Trafford Borough Council, Ex parte Quietlynn Ltd Regina v Chester City Council, Ex parte Quietlynn Ltd
Regina v Watford Borough
Council, Ex parte Quietlynn Ltd

Before Sir John Donaldson, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Fox and Lord Justice Stephen Brown

[Judgment delivered March 15] The code of practice contained in Schedule 3 to the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 providing for the control of sex shops by local authorities under a system of licensing was not mandatory nor exhaustive. Accordingly, breaches of the code did not invalidate a decision to refuse a licence provided that no unfairness to the applicant had resulted. The Court of Anneal so stated in

The Court of Appeal so stated in dismissing three appeals by the applicant, Quietlynn Ltd. in respect of their applications for licences to operate sex shops in Preston, Trafford and Watford, The court, however, allowed an appeal by Quietlynn in relation to their application for a licence in Chester on the basis that that decision had been invalidated by a procedural

irregularity, Mr Kenneth Zucker, QC and Mr Mark Warwick for Quietlynn: Mr John Hugill, QC and Mr Stephen Sauvain for Presson, Trafford and Chester: Mr John Hugill, QC and Mr Harry Sales for Watford.

LORD JUSTICE STEPHEN BROWN said that Quietlynn Ltd were operators of sex shops throughout the country. The appeals related to Mr Justice Woolf's refusal (The Times October 19, 1983) to grant judicial review in relation to the refusal of the licensing authorities to grant licences for four particular establishments within the local authority areas of Watford,

Preston, Trafford and Chester.

Mr Zucker relied on three grounds of appeal which be called (1) the objections point, (2) the procedural point and (3) the delegation point. The third point related only to premises in Chester. On July 13, 1982 there came into force the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act

1482 which for the first time provided for the control of sex establishments. Section 2(1) pro-ided that a local authority might pass resolutions to apply Schedule 3

Each of the relevant local authorities concerned in the appeal nassed resolutions to bring into lorce the control provisions, described by counsel as a code of practice, contained in Schedule 3. The premises in each case had existed before the coming into force of the Act which contained transitional provisions enabling trading to continue pending appli-cations for licences.

The scheme of the Act provided for the control of sex establishments by local authorities by a system of licensing. It was made a criminal offence to trade without a licence.
Schedule 3 provided for the making of objections and for the procedure to be followed for applying for a licence. Paragraph 10(15) of the schedule provided that the objections had to be in writing and had to be made not later than 28 days after the date of the application.

application.
Paragraph 10(16) provided that where the appropriate local authority received notice of objections under paragraph 10(15) the authority should, before considering the application, give notice in writing of the objections in general terms to

the applicant.
Mr Zucker submitted that the provisions of Schedule 3 were mandatory and that they were chaustive. Accordingly, he submit-ted that in the case of Watford Borough Council where an objec-tion was notified before the application was made the local authority were in breach of the

provisions.

Although it was conceded that no unfairness had resulted because notice had been given to the applicant the position was, in his
Lordship's judgment, as the judgehad found, namely, that paragraph
10(15) did not restrict the giving of
notice of objection before the
application, it did restrict the giving

of late notice of objection.

His Lordship agreed with the finding of the judge that that provision was not exhaustive and that no breach had been made out. There was no ground for the granting of judicial review on the

On the procedural point, Mr Zucker pointed out that there was no specific provision in Schedule 3 for affording an oral hearing to objectors although paragraph 10(15) made provision for objections to be given in writing.

He submitted that the three local

Ale submitted that the three local authorities, Preston, Trafford and Chester did in fact afford a hearing to objectors and since the code of practice did not specifically afford the opportunity of an oral hearing to objectors the local authority were in breach of the mandatory provisions of the code and that the decision was bad and should be quashed as

His Lordship had earlier indi-

His Lordship had earlier indi-cated that the code was not exhaustive and agreed with the judge that since unfairness was not alleged nor found nor inferred that ground of appeal too should fail.

His Lordship would dismiss appeals relating to Preston, Trafford and Watford.

The delegation point related to premises in Chester and was founded on the basis that the subcommittee which heard the

subcommittee which heard the applicant under the provisions of paragraph 10(19) of Schedule 3 did not have the power to determine the application and that it did not report to the committee which did.

Chester had delegated its power to grant or refuse a licence to the environmental services committee which had authorized the setting up of a licensing panel consisting of five members of that committee to consider all applications for licences and to make recommendations,

and to make recommendations.

Paragraph 10(19) of Schedule 3
provided that where an authority
was minded to refuse a licence it
should give the applicant a hearing.

The licensing panel had held a
meeting for the purpose of hearing
the applicant. The applicant had
appeared by their solicitor who
swore in an affidavit that he had
been told that the committee before
which he was appearing was a
subcommittee which was not
empowered to make decisions but
would report to a full committee
which would make the decisions in
private.

He protested about the procedure but the hearing took place and a recommendation was made by the licensing panel to the committee that the application by Quietlynn be refused because the character of the locality was inappropriate for a sex establishment. That recommendation was put before a meeting of the full environmental services committee consisting of 13 mem-bers which included the five who had formed the licensing panel.

At that meeting two applications were considered. The first appli-cation, which was not that of the applicant, was considered and after a detailed discussion the application was granted. But when the applicant's application came to be considered there was no discussion and there was no report, there was simply a vote to reject the

application.
The complaint made by the applicant was that the procedure which had taken place contravened the basic principle which applied to the administrative functions of local authorities, in particular to adminis-trative functions which imported some degree of a judicial function. Mr Zucker submitted there must

be an application of the mind of the decision-making body and a concious choice by that particular body and that in the present case the facts showed the decision making body had before it only the recommendation. There was no report of objections or the representations made by the representations made by applicant to the licensing panel.

The respondent local authority submitted that there was no necessity for a report by the licensing panel because the decision was one which was based on locality the characteristics of which would be expected to be known to all the members of the committee.

Furthermore, the five members of the licensing panel who were present as members of the committee could have given any information about the hearing if asked and since Schedule 3 provided that a hearing might be by a subcommittee there was no breach of any procedure requiring the court's intervention.

His Lordship accepted that administrative functions covered a

very wide spectrum and that i functions which fell on local authorities but there was an element of judicial process in that particular function and that was clear under paragraph 10(19).

The principle expressed in the maxim audi alteram partem (hear the other side) was relevant and did

apply, in his Lordship's judgment, to that particular function.

In his Lordship's view it was a requisite of paragraph 10(19) that the applicant's representations should be considered and since no report of any kind was made there was a procedural irregularity which could not be cured by the fact that the members of the committee could have been expected to know the characteristics of the locality and that they could have asked if they wished for details from the members who had heard the

members who had near the applicant's representations. In his Lordship's judgment there was a breach of procedural rules which did vitiate the decision arrived at. For that reason his Lordship would allow the appeal relating to the premises in Chester and cuest the decision. and quash the decision. The Master of the Rolls and Lord

Justice Fox agreed. Solicitors: Kaye, Tester & Co; Mr A. Owens, Preston; Mr R. Arm-strong, Manchester; Mr Michael Murray, Chester, Mr M. A. Raybould, Watford.

# Committee is unable to delegate decisions

local education authority could not delegate to its chairman the decision

as to what recommendation to make

m its report to the full council.

Mr Justice Forbes so stated in the Queen's Bench Division on March 13. granting the applicant, the Professional Association of Teachers. judicial review by way of a declaration that a resolution of the Liverpool City Council on January 25, 1984, whereby it had purported to rescind a resolution of March 9, 1983 which had granted the applicant full negotiating and representation rights on behalf of its members, was invalid and ineffec-

tive to rescand the earlier resolution. HIS LORDSHIP said that puragraph 7 of Part II of Schedule I to the Education Act 1944 provided that a local education authority should consider a report from its education committee before exercisang its education functions.

Regina v Liverpool City Council. Ex parte Professional Association of Teachers

An education committee of a lake, or at least should set out the arguments for and against a particular course of action.

In this case the committee having been asked to consider whether recognition should be withdrawn from the applicant, had invited the applicant to make representations direct to the authority and had purported to authorize its chairman to make a recommendation on its behalf direct. to the authority at its meeting so that the matter could be then

The committee had no power so to authorize its chairman, and the committee's minute recording that had reconsidered the matter, invited representations to be made to the authority and authorized the chairman to make a recommendation did not constitute a report for the purpose of paragraph 7.

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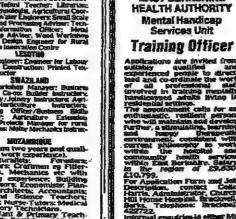
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For further information about this post, please telephone John Hoare, the Regional Administrator, on Winchester (1962) 63511.

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together with a copy of the Regional Information Systems Plan 1984, can be intofination systems Pich 1994, coil be obtained from the Regional Personnel Officer, Wessex RHA, Highcroft, Romaey Road, Winchester, 5022, 5DH; telephone Winchester (0962) 63511.

Closing date for receipt of applications: April 16th 1984.



The HEALTH EDUCATION COUNCIL is the national body responsible for the increasingly important role of health promotion in England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

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The Council's Public Affairs Division is already responsible for extensive mass media advertising campaigns and a wide range of publications designed to promote better health.

It now intends to launch fresh initiatives, including sports sponsorship, collaboration with companies committed to 'health' policies, involvement with radio and television programmes and the encouragement of mass participation health programmes. To assist this expanded programme the Council seeks applications for the following posts.

# **Health Events Organiser**

In June 1985 the HEC is sponsoring a Great British Fun Run, a relay race through many of the major towns in Britain. The event will be the first of its kind and likely to draw a huge response: In each town the GBFR passes through, it is the HEC's intention to co-ordinate a series of short distance fun runs, a health fair, and a week of health events leading up to it. The Council wishes to recruit a dynamic organiser to co-ordinate the month-long programme of events around the country. He or she must have proven experience in managing or promoting large-scale initiatives in sport, voluntary activities or health promotion. An ability to motivate others and remain enthusiastic despite serbacks is crucial.

The successful applicant would be primarily concerned with the Great British Fun Run until June 1985; thereafter using the experience gained in the event to mount fresh schemes involving participation in health events.

Salary: £10,251 - £10,851 (inclusive

# **Publicity Assistant**

To assist the work of the Council's Promotions Officer and Advertising Llaison Officer, the Council wishes to appoint a Publicity Assistant. The assistant would be responsible for administrative support to both officers, maintaining financial records and monitoring expenditure. He or she would liaise with the Council's advertising agencies and assist the operation of our promotion and sponsorship activities. Applicants should be able to work as part of an energetic team offering fresh ideas for capturing the public's imagination about health. Applicants should have experience of advertising or publicity campaign planning and administration and the ability to work independently under pressure.

Salary: £7,455 - £9,087 (inclusive).

# **Media Assistant**

seeks an experienced journalist to act as Media Assistant. As well as dealing with enquiries from Journalists and assistant. As well as dealing with enquiries from Journalists and assisting the Council's Press Officer, Michael Jacob, applicants will be expected to support the Council's increasing collaboration with radio and television programmes. He or she should also be able to monitor expenditure and handle administration, and maintain a reliable information service for the Public Affairs Division. Applicants should have experience in journalism or broadcasting, proven writing ability and a willingness to contribute new ideas for health promotion.

Salary: £8.382-£9.087 (inclusive).



Further details about the posts and application forms may be obtained by writing to: Mr. T. J. Cartwright MA, Assistant Secretary: Personnel & Administration, The Health Education Council, 78 New Oxford Street, London WC1A 1AH.

Completed applications should reach the Council by 4 April 1984.

Salary: £8,382 - £9,087 (inclusive).

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# Appeals Organiser

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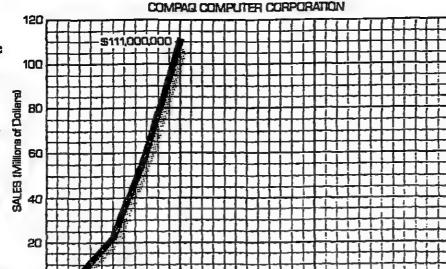
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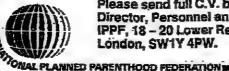
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# Finding a niche in politics

Being a politician at one time was not a very highly regarded state of affairs in Britain. Younger sons were encouraged to take the "rotten borough" offered to them and the House of Lords was seen as a fendal duty, but as Hilaire Belloc put it.

Towards the age of twenty-six, They pushed him into politics Things are different today. The announcement of a seat becoming vacant is the signal for handreds of phone calls and letters to party secretaries from aspiring candidates. This is now being mirrored in the council elections as the attendance allowances can provide a living wage. especially if one cats at receptions on a daily basis. But though politics may now be respectable, there are relatively few jobs compared with the United States, where politics is an

Politics in Britain is a comparatively cheap commodity. The political parties are constrained by electoral law as to the monies that they can spend, and how they can spend it during an election while they all complain of penury and the state provides nothing. Elections are basically run by a combination of professional staff who attempt to organize a host of volunteers, seconded by people who are on holiday from companies or unions, and people hired on short-term contracts. Between elections the fulltime staffs of the political parties beaver away at the organizational work that bedevils any large body, but have additional duties concerned with policy and presentation

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In general, it would be wrong to suggest that there are numerous well paid people working in the political arena, although salaries have become more realistic over recent years. The tendency has been always to trade upon the political sympathies of prospective workers, and to underpay them accordingly. An additional carrot dangled before applicants for some types of jobs (especially those at the head offices and in the research oriented areas) is the prospect of graduating to MPdom - the Healey syndrome. If people are sufficiently interested in such jobs they should either note the salaries from advertisements or enquire, or be so enthusiastic as to not care.

Direct political appointments are limited by the number of constituencies, multiplied by the number of parties with the addition of central and regional staffs. In practice not all the constituencies have full or even part time employees. The Labour Party has only 63 agents while the SDP has none at all. Each MP can have a secretary or a researcher (or both) and ministers in government and senior opposition spokesmen often have their own researchers and/or personal assistants. Public monies are available for the offical opposition to hire such staff members. Secretaries are paid by the MP, and there is no fixed scale, although there is a fixed allowance to the MP. Although it is necessary for the largest single factor in the growth in

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By and large researchers need some form of degree with economics or politics the favoured, but by no means essential, subjects. The same applies to the research staffs required by the party head offices or regions and indeed the unions where there may be a degree of political input in the research, as well as those with similar functions at the CBI or AIMS. There are always fears of job insecurity in the areas surrounding members of Parliament. Fashions change, poli-ticians drift in and out of favour and a combination of the electorate and the boundary commissioners can create redundancies. These considerations do not affect the full-time party workers whose jobs are as secure as most other. As with all largish organisations political parties have to maintain a clerical and administrative base and the jobs available here are little different from those found in other offices. There are, however, diploma exam but have no courses other specialist functions such as research and the press and publicity departments which require political knowledge and commitment not only to get the jobs in the first place, but also to perform the dirties properly.

and in the general political develop-ment areas. Head office staffs tend to diminish in size after elections, and build up during the run-in period to the following election, but the core staffing remains unchanged.

In Britain there is a continuity of political activity outside election periods. Jobs are available at a local, that is constituency, and to a smaller extent, at a regional level. These positions require political enthusiass and are not to be considered lightly. The Liberal Party has a few full time agent/organizers at the local and regional levels while the SDP at present have such jobs, but only in Wales and Scotland. Both these parties initially advertise their jobs, at all levels internally and in their porty journals. They may advertise in the national press if the positions have not then been filled.

· Both the Conservative and Labour parties, have a greater number of workers at the devolved levels and both require their agents and organizers to be trained and to take diploma examinations, although in the Labour Party at least this is a requirement honoured in the breach only too often. Within the Conservative Party all prospective agents obtain their qualification and then are placed onto a list that has all subsequent job vacancies circulated to it. The way in is as a trainee through Central Office and subsequently by local association employment.

available. Despite the fact that there is a national agent service most agents are funded by local parties themselves through sponsored MPs or through local activities. Most jobs are advertised locally but they also find These strictures apply to posts in their way into some of the Party's international departments, in organ-journals, both formal and unrecogizational and education departments

Although there appears to be some demand. There has also been a hesitancy in the recruitment market as a whole, the demand for those with management, professional and techni-cal skills continues to rise sharply over last year.

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Summaries by Peter Dear, Peter Davalle, Clive Hedley

BBC 1 6.00 Ceefax AM.

6.30 Breakfast Time with Frank Bough and Seline Scott. News from Debbie Rb. at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00 and 8.30; sport at 5.40 and 7.40; regional new weather and traffic at 6.45. 7.15, 7.45 and 8.15; television preview at 6.55; review of the norning papers at 7.18 and 8.18; horoscopes at 8.33; the Breaktast Time Doctor plu lood and cooking

between 8.30 and 9.00. 9.00 The Best of Collecting presented by Harriet Crawley features collections of posters guitars, miniature ste ngines and a visit to the conservation department of the British Museum (r). 9.30 Ceefax. 10.30 Play School (r).

10.55 Ceetex. 12.30 News After Noon with Richard Whitmere and Frances Coverdale, The weather prospects come from Jim Bacon. 12.57 Regional news (London and SE only: Financial report followed by news headlines with subtities). 1.00 Pebble Mill at One. The Broadcasting Press Guild announce their awards for

1983, 1.45 King Rollo (r), 1.50 Bric-a-Brac with Brian Cent (r). 2.00 The Afternoon Show with Barbara Dickson and Penny Junor, 2.40 Tree of Thoras. The life of the African acacia tree (r). 3.25 Arthur Negus Enjoys Temple Newson in the company of David Battie (r). 3.48 Regional news (not

Magic Roundabout (r). 3.55 Play School presented by Chice Ashcroft. 4.20 The New 3.50 Adventures of Mighty Mouse (r). 4.25 Jackanory. 4.40 Fonz and the Happy Days Gang. 5.05 John Craven's Newsround, 5.10 Blue Peter

includes a preview of the new musical, Startight Express. Sixty Minutes includes the news read by Moira Stuart st 5.40; weather at 5.54; regional news at 5.55; Torvill and Dean performing their compulsory dances at the World Figure Skating Championships in Ottawa at 6.20; news headlines at 6.38.

6.40 Doctor Who. Colin Baker takes over as the Doctor in the four-part adventure, The Twin Dilemma (Ceefax titles page 170).

7.05 Tomorrow's World includes items on new uses for water iets and mushrooms; preventing cavities in teeth; reducing carbon dioxide in the itmosphere; and an . atternative to steroids.
7.30 Top of the Pops introduced by

ter Powell and Janice Long. 8.05 The Living Planet. Part ten of David Attenborough's series inting a portrait of the Earth ncludes visits to some of the world's most beautiful Islands (Ceefax titles page 170).

9.00 News with Sue Lawley. 9.25 World Figure Skating ips from Ottawa. Championships from Ottaw Highlights of Torvill and Dean's compulsory dances programme. The commentator is Alan Weeks.

10.05 Verdict Unsafe. A Rough Justice report on the progress of Jock Russell, rejeased after serving seven years of a life sentence for a crime he did not commit. The reporter is Martin Young.

10.40 Question Time, Sir Robin Day's panel comprises Rodney Bickerstaffe, Cecil Parkinson, Sir Adam Thompson and Margaret

11.38 News headlines. 11.40 Computers in Control. Part three: Making Things Move (shown Friday).

12.05 Weather.

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TV-am

6.25 Good Morning Britain presented by Anna Diamond and Nick Owen. News from Gordon Honeycombe at 6.30, 7.09, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00; sport at 6.35 and 7.35; exercises at 6.50 and 9.15; the day's anniversaries at 7 and 6.05; a guest in the rersaries at 7.05 and 5.45; a guest in the spotlight at 7.20; cartoon at 7.25; Ian Campbell and his sons – UB40 at 8.10; film review at 8.35; baby talk at 9.03.

ITV/LONDON

9.25 Thames news headlines, 9.30
For Schools: The manufacture
of electricity, 9.42 Taking care
of pets, 9.59 Elementary
arithmetic, 10.11 Teaching children to avoid dangers. 10.28 Political skills in society. 10.50 The Bloodstream. 11.08 Learning to read with Basil Brush. 11,22 A Sheffield steel works, 11,39 A German family on holiday in Austria. Emma and Grandpa in

December, presented by Thora Hird, 12.10 Get Up and Go! with Beryl Reid (r). 12.30 The Sullivans. News with Leonard Parkin. 1.20 Themes news. 1.30 A Plus goes to Hamburg wher pranist Philip Fowke and Steinway's managing director Bob Glaisbrook, select two new concert grands for the Festival Hall and Purcell Room. 2.00 Crown Court. The jury decide if Russell eadman is guilty of intentionally knocking down

is former girl friend. 2.30 The Agatha Christie Hour: The Girl in the Train (r), 3.30 Sons and Daughters. Can Patricia prevent David returning to Beryl?

4.00 Emma and Grandpa: A repeat of the programme shown at, noon. 4.15 Batfink. Carloon series. 4.20 Madabout. 4.45 The Book Tower, Alun mstrong with a second selection of books. The World Figure Skating Championships from Ottawa.

Torvill and Dean begin the defence of their world title with the compulsory dances. 5.45 News. 6.00 Thames news. 6.30 Thames Sport presented by Steve Rider includes further coverage of the World figure Skating Championships plus a preview of Sunday's Milk Cup cotball final bety Liverpool and Everton.

7.00 Knight Rider. The last programme of the series and Michael and his invincible motor investigate another case of wrongdoing. Carry On Laughing. Part nine of highlights from the best of

the Carry On series of film comedies (r). Hotel. The doors close on the hotel tonight until the next series. Who will be hearing

vedding bells? A guest or an 9.30 TV Eye; Clouds of War. The errival in England of mustard gas victims of the Guif War focuses attention on chem

weapons and their place in the 10.00 News. 10.30 Torvill and Dean at the World Championships: The third visit

to Ottawa to see the couple dance the three compulsory dances (see Choice). 11.00 The Spanish Civil War. Part one of a six-episode series explaining the full story of the 1936-1939 conflict in Spain. The series begins with a look at the Prelude to Tragedy 1931-1936 (Oracle titles page 170) (r) (see Choice).

12.00 Newhart. American comedy 12.25 Night Thoughts from Tom Chetwynd. FREQUENCIES: Radio 1 MF 1053kHz/285m or 1089kHz/275m. Radio 2 MF 693kHz/433m or 909kHz/330m. Radio 1/2 VHF 88-91MHz. Radio 3 VHF 90-92.5MHz, MF 1215kHz/247m. Radio 4 LF 200kHz/1500m and VHF 92-95MHz. Greater London Area MF 720kHz/417m. LBC MF 1152kHz/261m, VHF 97.3MHz. Capital MF 1548kHz/194m, VHF 95.8MHz. BBC Radio London MF 1458kHz/208m and VHF 94.9MHz. World Service MF 648kHz/463m

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> The Spanish Civil War: (ITV, 11.00pm)

8.10. 9.00 Ceefax.

9.15 Daytime on Two: Working in Germany, 9.33 German conversation, 9.52 The Story

11.05 Deserts, 11.30

BBC 2

6.05 Open University: Pure Maths:

Lagrange's Theorem. 6.30 History of Mathematics. 6.55 Evolution: Early Life. 7.20

What Price the Workers? 7.45

Minimum Cost Flows. Ends at

of The Monkey and the Moon. 10.12 Animals of the Soil.

10.94 A blind man's racism

Craftsman at work, 11.55

development of women's

Tennis coaching: Lesson four - the service, 12,20 The

magazines, 12.45 A practical guide to everyday writing (ends at 1.00), 1.10 Working

with the elderly and handicapped, 1.38 Working with wood, 2.00 You and Me.

2.15 Part two of The Sleeping Beauty story set to music. 2.40

University programme that examines why parents of handicapped children are

News summary with subtitles.

es said to be 'over-

Alternative energy.

5.10 Handicapped in the Community. An Open

protective' (r).

5,40 Film: Quo Vadis (1951)

Mervyn La Roy.

result - six sixes.

8.30 Food and Drink Drew Smith.

aditor of the Good Food

diet and Jane Grigson's

hotel with tresh produce.

9.00 Dear Ladles. The final

Catholic faiths.

Como (r).

Show (r).

10.40 Newsnight.

reports on her search for a

programme in the series featuritie the good ledies of Stackton Tressel, Hinge and

9.30 Forty Minutes: The School on

10.10 Rowan and Martin's Laugh-in.

11.25 Pete Sayer's Electric Music

12.00 Open University: Computing: Sequences and Arrays. 12.25

Psychology: Is it As Easy as . ABC?. Ends at 12.55.

the HIII. A portrait of Lagan

school deliberately planned to integrate children from both

ant and Roman

The guests this week are Tiny Tim, Phyllis Diller and Perry

8.20 100 Sporting Moments. An over from the Glamorgan v

starring Reter Ustinov

Deborah Kerr and Robert

Taylor. Lavish account of a conturion's light to save the Christian girl her loves from the mad machinations of a

deranged Nero. Directed by

Nottinghamshire match played in August 1968: Gerfield

Sobers, betting for Nottinghamshire, is facing the bowling of Malcolm Nash. The

processed foods dominate out

3.00 Ceetax.

THE SPANISH CIVIL WAR (ITV. 11.00pm), Granada Television's sixpart documentary saries about the 1936-39 bloodbath, was one of the early jewels in the crown of Channel 4. The Indescence was enjoyed by comparatively few, for these were the early days of the much-shunned infant channel. One hour before midnight, the slot allocated to the repeat screenings of The Spanish Civil War on the national ITV network, is scarcely peak cwil war on the national ITV
network, is scarcely peak
scheduling time, it is not an ideal
hour for getting to grips with a
complex political and military story,
however intensely dramatic (and it is
certainly that). The only good thing
to be said in favour of the

scheduling, at any rate so far as tonight's opening episode is concerned, is that it follows hard on the heals of Torvill's and Dean's first

CHANNEL 4

2.30 Horse Racing - First Day of the Flat from Doncaster,

introduced by Brough Scott: Live coverage of four races— the Playfair Racing Annual Brocklesby Stakes (2.45); the Bertie Bassett Stakes (3.15);

The Doncaster Mile (3.45) and

the Batthyany Handicap

minutes of cartoon fun and

and Lord Charles. Night Best News. More

television news team.

5.30 Chica Comic. Comedy at the

children's comic office w

6.00 Barriers. The final episode of the drama series and Whitake suffers a stroke but is

6.30 Today's History: Whose Heritage Is It? Walter Merricks, Roger Opie and John Gould examine the

controversial subject of restitution of foreign art

treasures. The programme includes rare film of United

Hitler's art collection. The

ates troops discovering

Museum of Mankind's Benin

bronzes and the dispute over

the Eigin marbles also come

7.00 Channel Four News.

7.50 Comment. On the soan box.

today is Eric Moonman,

director of the Centre for

Contemporary Studies and a

keen football fan. He will be

talking about the violence of football hooligans.

from Hayle, manager of the Gwinnear Model Railway and

manager, hunt for treasure in

to a devil - possessed baby?

retired woman who leaves her

husband to give herself one

happiness. Things are looking

plight has been temporarily helted by a loan from Jack and

the court has ruled that she is

entitled to maintenance from Ernest. But trouble is just

World, Duncan Carse with a

up for Dorothy. Har finance

Godslming, a supermarket

8.00 Treasure Hunt. Keith Burchet

Tony Waterhouse of

Liverpool's dockland.

9.00 Soep, Has Corinne given birth

9.30 Winter Sunlight. Part three of the four-episode serial about a

more chance to find

around the corner.

10.30 Island on the Edge of the

personal view of South Georgia.

Mediterranean cruising: lifracombe; and Club

Mediterranes in Greece. (r)

11.30 Wish You Were Here . . .?

12.00 Closedown.

determined to accompany Bi to Salzburg where Billy is to

enter for a music acholarship

at the Zuckmayer Academy. (r)

Report (r).

mes presented by Ray Alan

luncacy from the incompetent

this week, Rover has a bad cold and doubts are aired as to

whether or not he will be well

enough to compile his Rover's

kas (4.15).

4.30 Cartoon-Carnival Thirty

CHOICE

dance title (ITV, 10.30pm), so a fair salice of a mighty, ready-made audience might be tempted into staying with ITV for a remarkable history lesson (script by Neil Ascherson) about the three years in which the stage was set for the Second World War.

• Watch PERBLE MILL AT ONE Watch PEBBLE MILL AT ONE
(BBC 1, 1.00) or listen to
KALEIDOSCOPE (Radio 4, 9.40pm)
to learn what I and my colleagues in
the Broadcasting Press Guild
thought was the best this, that and
the other in 1983.
 RICH MAN'S OLYMPICS (Radio

4. 9.15pm), Liam Notan's scene-setter for the July/August sporting spectacular in Los Angeles, reflects the smugness of the title. The Games will be a massive exercise in Radio 4

6.00 News Briefing: Weather.
6.10 Farming Today. 8.25 Shipping Forecast.
6.30 Today, Including 8.30, 7.30, 8.30 News Summary. 6.45 Prayer for the Day. 6.55, 7.55 Weather. 7.90, 8.00 Today's News. 7.25, 8.25 Sport. 7.45 Thought for the Day. 8.35 Yeaterday in Parliament. 8.57 Weather; Travel.
9.00 News.

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enterprise. Nobody, apparently, is worned about cash problems, or the weather prospects, or the ability of the Coloseum stadium to cope with up to 100 cm stadium. up to 100,000 spectators. The only ominous question-mark is former by the city's five million reside cers that might introduce an unofficial event into the 1984 Olympics: how to beat the traffic jams and get to the stadium in time.

ALL FOR LOVE, Martin

Jankins's production of Dryden's post-Restoration tragedy which gets a second airing tonight (Radio 3, 7.30) is still recognizably Shakespeare's Antony and Cleopatra albeit much transformed. To witness the removal of all traces of the Bard, you will need to watch Cecil B DeMile's Cleopatra, on Channel 4 on Saturday of home

Peter Davalle

7.00 News.
7.05 The Archers.
7.20 Concert Prelude. Jeremy Sepmenn's trailer for the 7.30 concert.
7.30 Scottish National Orchestra

8.57 Weether; Travel.
9.69 News.
9.05 Chedepoint. Reger Cook's weekly investigation into listeners' problems of unfair dealings and injustice.
9.30 The Living World.
10.00 News; Propinets, Charleters and Little Gurus. Four profiles by Ray Gosling (3), Homar Lane (1).
10.20 Morning Story: "Like You Read in Books" by Jaan Turnley. Read by Caroline John.
10.45 Daily Service.
11.00 News; Travek Analysis (1).
11.48 Enquire Within.
12.00 News; You and Yours. Les 9.15 Pilch Man's Olympics. Liam Notan reports on how Los Angeles is planning to cope with its second staging of the Games on July 28.

9.40 Kaleidoscope. Arts magazine. Includes an interview with film director Robert Atman about his new film Streamers. Other items include the Broadcasting Press Guild Awards (announced today), the play Puls and Imbumba, at the Tricycle Theatre; and the book Something Out There, by Nadine Gordmer.

10.15 A Book At Bedtime: "The Cone-Gatherers" by Robin Jenida (4) Read by Tom Fleming. 11.45 Enquire Natrin.
12.00 News; You and Yours. Les
Cottington with his weekly
shopping guide.
12.27 The Grumbieweedst.
12.55 Weather; Programme News.
1.00 The World at One: News.
1.40 The Archers. 1.55 Shipping
Francest

Forecast, 2.00 News; Women's Hour, William Trevor, the Irish writer, talks about his new book about Irish therebure from the Celtic sages to the present day. And there is part six of Rebecca West's The Birds

Fall Down.
3.90 Afternoon Theatre: The Marches of Wales, by George Baiter.
Drame, set during the American War of Independence. The Welsh Fuelters were there when the first shots were fired. The play is about three days in the regiment's history, seen through the eyes of a sergeant (Gerald Jenes) and his commanding officer (T P McKenna)?.

4.00 News; Just After Four. The views

of young people in Manchester. 4.10 Bookshelf.
4.40 Story Thre: "Woman and Puppet" by Pierre Louys (1). Read by Philip Bond.
5.00 News Megazine, 5.50 Shipping Forecast, 5.55 Weather;

Programme News. 6.00 The Stx O'Clock News; Financial 6.30 Brain of Britain 1984. General

BBC 1 Wales: 12.57-1.00pm News of Wales, 3.48-3.50 News of Wales, 5.55 (Part of Stoty Minutes) Wales Today, 12.05am News of Wales, Scotland: 12.55-1.00pm Scottlish News. Scotland: 12.55-1.00pm Scottleh News 5.65 (Part of Sody Minutes) Scotland: Sbdy Minutes. 12.05mm Scottleh news Stdy Minutes. 12.05am Scottlen news summary. Northern Ireland: 12.57-1.00pm Northern Ireland news. 3.48-3.59 Northern Ireland news. 5.55 (Part of Sidy Minutes) Scene Around Stx. 12.05am Northern Ireland news. England: 5.55 (Part of Stxty Minutes). 12.10am Close.

ANGLIA As London sucept: 1.20pm-1.30 News. 8.00 About Anglis. 6.25 Arens. 6.40 Crossroads. 7.05 That's My Boy. 7.35-8.30 Quincy. 12.00 Preview. 12.30sm Big Question, Closedown.

BORDER As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 News, 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors, 6.00 Lookaround, 6.40 Crossroads, 7.05 Emmerdale Farm, 7.35-8.30 Magnum, 12.00 News, Closedown.

GRAMPIAN As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 News. 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors. 5.00 North Tonight. 6.35 Police Naws. 6.40 Crossroads. 7.05 Mr & Mrs. 7.35-8.30 Magnum. 10.30 Spanish Chill War. 11.38 Crann Tara. 12.00 Figure Skating. 12.30mm News, Closedown.

Robert Robinson (r).

direct from the City Hall.
Glasgow. Part 1. The Sorcarer's
Apprentice (Dukas) and the SaintSaens Plano Corocarto No 2
(Pascal Rogé, soloist), †
8.10
Any Answers? with David

Jacobs.

330 Concert Part 2, Honegger
(Symphony No 2) and Falla (suite: The Three-contrered Hat).

9.15 Rich Man's Olympics. Liam Notan reports on how Los Angeles is the control of the c

10.30 The World Tonight.
11.15 The Financial World Tonight. Today in Parliament. News, 12.10 Weather, 12.15

News, 12.10 Weather, 12.15
Close, Shipping Forecast,
ENGLAND: VHF as above except:
6.25-6.30 Weather; Travel, 9.512.00 For Schools: 9.05 A Service for Schools: 9.05 A Service for Schools: 9.05 A Service for Schools: 9.25 Secondary English 11-14 9.45 Opposities, 9.55 Movement and Drame 1, 10.15 Women in the 20th Century, 10.35 in Your Own Time, 10.55 Something to Think About, 11.35 in the News, 11.30
Wavelength, 1.55-2.00pm
Listening Corner, 2.60-3.00 For Schools: 2.00 Living Language, 2.20 Radio Geography, 2.40
Cuest, 5.50-5.55 PM (continued), 11.00 Study on 4: 20th Century European Authors, 11.30 Music

Open University: 11,30 Music Interloide, 11.50 Reading Development, 12,30-12,55em Schools night-time broads: Business Matters –

TSW As London except: 1,20pm-1,30
News, 2,30 Family Tree, 3,003,30 University Challenge, 5,15 Gus
Honsybur, 5,20-5,45 Crossroads, 6,00
Today South West, 6,30 Gardens For
All, 7,00 Fall Guy, 8,00-8,30 That's My
Boy, 12,00 Portrait of a Lagand,
12,25am Postscript, Closedown.

SCOTTISH As London except: 1,20pm-1,30 News.

5.20-5.45 Crossroads, 6.00 Scotland Today, 8.40 Now You See It. 7.10 Film: Heroes of Telemerk (Kirk Douglas). 7.35-8.30 Magnum. 12.00 Late Call. 12.05em Crann Tara. 12.35 Closedown

ULSTER As London except:
1.20pm-1.30 Lunchime.
3.30-4.00 Young Doctors. 6.00 Good Evening Uister. 6.25 Police Str. 6.35 Cartoon. 6.40 Crossroads. 7.05 Emmerdale Farm. 7.35-8.30 Devlin Connection. 19.30-11.00 Counterpoint 12.00 ice Studing. 12.30em News, Classdows.

GRANADA As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Paint Along with Nancy. 1.25-2.00 About Britain, 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors. 8.00 This is Your Right. 8.05 Crossroads. 8.30 Granada Reports. 7.05 Emmerdale Parm. 7.35-8.30 Magnum. 12.00 Making a Living. 12.30mm Closedown.

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REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS

Radio 3

6.55 Weather, 7.00 News.
7.05 Morning Concert; part one.
Delius' orch Fenby Two
Aquerelies; Culiter's Love's
Philosophy (Belker/Moore);
Poulend's Trio (Peter Graeme,
oboe, and William Waterhouse,
bassoon, with Larnar Crowson,
planol; and Milritus's The
Kingdom of the Shades (La
Bayadere), 8.00 News.†
8.05 Morning Concert; part two,
Wassenaer's Concerto No S in A;
Kabalevsky's Cello Concert

Ksbaleveky's Callo Concert (Sass Vectomov and Czech Radio SO); Mazart's Symon No 25 (Dresden State Orch). 9.00

28 (Dressen State Orch). 9.00 News.†

9.05 This Week's Composer: Josquin. Various works performed by the Capella Antiqua of Munich, the Hillard Ensemble, the Early Music Consort of London.†

19.00 The Cheming Fute: Martinu's Concerto for fute and violin with chamber orch (Jih Valek, fute and Bohustav Matbusek, volin), Nielsen's Pan and Syrinx Op 49; and Piston's ballet suits The incredible Futist.†

10.50 Armenian Violin and Piano Music: recital by Levon Chilingtrian, violin and Cifford Benson. Includes the first broadcast.

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performance of Komitas's Dzirani
Dzar (The Apricot Tree) and of
Babajanian's Sonata for Vicilin
and Plano.†
I Chamber Orchestras of Europe:
London Bach Orch, with Sandra
Dudgale (sop) and David Butt
(fluts). J C Bach's overture
Birthday Ode for King Charles III
of Spain; and Flute Conc in D;
and Symph in F, Op 8 No 4,
interval reading at 12.05. Then, at
12.10, Bach's Scene and aria E
sncor page (Lz clemenza di
Scipiona) and other works, 1.00
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1.05 Manchiester Midday Concert:
Piano recital by Anthony Goldstone, Schumann's Humoreske, Op 20 and Arebesque in C Op 18; elso Brahms's Hungerian Dances 1-

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2.00 Werther; Massenet's four-act opera, sung in French, with Altrado Kraus in the title role. Tatiana Troyanos as Charlotte. Matteo Manuguerra as Albert Jules Bastin (La Beilli) and Philip Langridge (Schmidt). Michael Plasson conducts the London Philharmonic. Act 2 at 2.50; acts tives and four at 3.30.1
4.40 Massenet: Aldo Ciccolini plays the Trase Marches for plano duet. 4.55 News.1
5.00 Mainly for Pleasure: another of Michael Berisely's selections.1
6.30 Grandstand: Boscombe Band of the Salvation Army play works by Robert Clemons, Ray Steadman-Allen (Daystar) and Edward Gregson (Variations on Laudete Dominum).7
7.00 Lleder from Salzburg: from the 1953 feetivel. Performed by Jessye Norman (soprano) with Geoffrey Parsons as her accompanist. Works by Ravel (Cing mélodies populaires

ceomey respons as the accompanist. Works by Ravel (Cinq mélodies populaires Grecques), and Strauss (including Allerseelan, Op 10 No 8, and Standohen Op 17 No 2).? 7.30 All for Love: John Dryden's reworking of Shakespeare's Antony and Cleopatra. Staming this post-Restoration tragedy are John Turner as Antony, Barbara, Jefford (Cleopatra), Nigel Stock

TYNE TEES As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 News and Lookaround, 6.00 News. 5.02 Crossroads. 6.25 Northern Life, 7.05 Emmerdale Farm. 7.35-8.30 Magnam. 12.00 Like Draining the Atlantic, Closadown.

TVS As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Crown Court: 1.20 News: 1.30 Afternoon Club: 1.35 Food, Wine, and Friends: 2.10 Miracles take longer: 2.40

Vintage Cutz. 3.10 Newsbreak. 3.20 Sons and Daughters. 3.50-4.00 A-Z. 6.00 Coast to Coast. 6.30 Crossroads. 6.55 Emmerdale Farm. 7.25 Film: Professionals (Burt Lancaster). 11.00 Backchat. 11.30 Spanish Civil War.

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6,00 Channel Report. 5,30 Crossroads.
6,55 Samila Big Band. 7,00 Fall Guy.
8,00-8,30 Thet's My Boy. 12,00 Portrait
of a Legend. 12,25am Closedown.

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Hollywood, 1,20 News, 1,30-2,00 Calendar, 6,00 Calendar, 8,40 Crossneds, 7,05 Enmerdale Farm, 7,35-8,36 Magnum, 12,00 Jazz, 12,30am Closedown.

12.30am Company, Clos

(Ventidus), Maureen O'Brian
(Octavia) David March (Alexes)
and John Rowe (Ocliabella).
There is an interval at 8.40, and
the second part of All for Love
begins at 8.50 (See Choice.)
9.50 Mozart: Cafford Benson, piano
plays the Sonata in Ciminor K
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10.10 Music in Our Time; Lontano, with

18.19 Music in Our Time; Lontano, with an elinsborg, soprano, in performance of Reinhard Feber's Charivari, and works by Symon Clarke and Hugh Wood (song cycle to of Pablo Neruda).1 11.15 News, Until 11.18. VHF only: 8.15 Open University (organic chemistry); 6.35-6.55 Newspapers and technological change; 11.20pm-11.40 Modern Art: Pissarro.

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News on the hour. Major bulletins: 7.00, 8.00 am, 1.00 pm, 5.00 and 12.00 midnight. Headfines: 5.30, 6.30, 7.30, 8.30 am (MF/MW), 4.00 am Colin Berry, 15.30 Ray Moore, 17.30 Terry Wogantinxi 8.31 Racing Bulletin, 10.00 Jimmy Young, 12.00 pm Stave Jonestrici, 1.05 Sport, 2.00 Gloria Hunnifordinci, 2.02; 3.02 Sport, 3.20 Music all the way, 14.00 David Hamiltontinci, 4.02; 5.05 Sport, 5.00 John Dunthinci, 6.02 Sport, 6.45 Sport and Classified Results (mt only), 8.00 Wally Whyton (s)twith Country Concert and Country Club, 8.55 Sports Desk, 10.00 The News Huddines (new series) Roy Hudd laughs at the news with Chris Emmett and June Whitfield, 10.30 Star Sound Extra Highlights from the BAFTA film and islevision nominations, 11.00 Britan Metthew presents Round Midnight (stereo from midnight), 1.00 am Tim Gudglin presents Nightride; 133.00-4.00 Marching and Waltzing, 1

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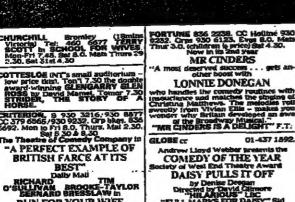
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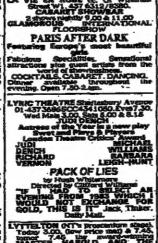
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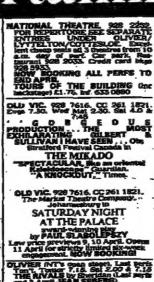
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The Budget will have a "serious effect" on the banks. according to the Governor of the Bank of England yesterday. Mr Robin Leigh-Pemberton, in his first appearance before

the Treasury Select Committee of MPs, said a special study of the effect of the abolition of capital allowances and the introduction of composite rate tax on bank interest, carried out by the Bank of England. suggested that it was not going to make it easier for the banks

to make it easier for the banks
to sustain lending to industry.
Although the Bank "thought
well" of the Budget overall. Mr
Leigh-Pemberton also said it would have been a "tremendous help" if stamp duty had been abolished entirely, in attracting business back to the London stock market.

He also said the Bank could "see great advantages" in the abolition of further special tax reliefs, in line with the changes made in relation to life assurance, and mentioned both pension funds and mortgage tax

relief. Mr Leigh-Pemberton accepts that within the overall context of a neutral Budget it was "almost necesary" for the almost necessary for the Chancellor to squeeze the banks. He implicitly admitted they were sufficiently they were sufficiently well-padded to supply the Chancel-

He also defended the introduction of composite rate tax on bank interest by saying that the case for uniformity of treatment of banks and building societies was "a strong one".

The Government questioned on wider issues, said interest rates might have to go up if personal borrowing which had become such a "dominant forum" of the monetary server. feature" of the monetary scene over the past few months, continued strongly. He admitted the danger that this might depress industrial growth.

Discussing the Government's longer-term plans, Mr Leigh-Pemberton accepted the diffi culties of controlling expendi-ture. On inflation, he insisted the trend was still downward, considerably.



# Major keeps tanksat snail's pace

When 36 Chieftan tanks from the Royal Armoured Corps Regiment at Tidworth, drove through the tiny Wiltshire village of Codford St Peter during their annual road test yesterday they were forced to fall in behind the green Volkeswagen of retired major Michael Cottrill (left), as he conducted the bemused convoy at a snail's pace along the entire length of the high street.

Major Cottrill's unscheduled

manocuvres were his way of protesting at the noise and nuisance caused last year by

speeding tanks in the village. The major, aged 55, said his protest had been "well worth it. They reduced their speed

# Queen's invitation to Israel

Continued from page 1 visit, which is being made at the invitation of the Anglo-Jewish community. He ex-plained that its timing, immedi-ately after the Queen's return from five days in Jordan, was coincidental.
"The world, including Bri-

tain, has an obsession with the Arab-Israeli conflict," he said. "I shall be stressing that it is the internecine war in the Muslim war – the conflict between Iran and Iraq – which should be of real concern internationally rather than whether or not a few more Jewish have moved into a settlement."

The President, whose elec-tion by the Knesnet last May was a bitter political blow to the then Prime Minister, Mr Menache Begin will outline to Mrs Thatcher and British MP's his view of the issues which will dominate the general election expected here later this year. Regarded as Israel's leading military analyst, he will also outline Israel's policy in

Since taking office, Mr Herzog - who still talks with a marked Irish lilt - has quickly established a reputation as a humane moderator between the bitterly divided sections of society. Last week he Lsraebi staged an unpublicized and unprecedented meeting at his residence between leading members of the left wing Peace Now Movement and the hawkish Gush Emunim (The block of the faithful). Further such debates are planned.

Although the Presidency is traditionally non-political, Mr Herzog probably commands more widespread popularity in Israel than any individual politician from either of the main political streams. He has not hesitated to intervene in certain Israeli disputes – such as the crippling doctor's strike and a row over a play allegedly blaspheming God.

### Anti-missile system for royal plane

An anti-missile sustem similar to that installed on the American President's aircraft, Air Force One, has been fitted to the British Airways Tristar which will carry the Queen and Prince Philip to Jordan (Alan Hamilton writes).

The system, manned by an RAF technician. is designed to detect any oncoming missile or aircraft, to warn the pilot, and to fire a flare to deflect any heat-seeking weapon.

# 80% of pits closed by pickets

Continued from page 1 had occurred where there was a strong police representation.

Seven pits in Staffordshire became the latest to halt production because of tightlyorganized picketing, although men went into five of the collieries. The decision by hundreds of miners not to cross picket lines yesterday afternoon appeared to be in response to the Midlands area decision carlier.
The police said that 25

pickets were arrested at collieries in Nottinghamshire yesterday but no violence was reported. All the arrests had been for obstruction.

Police costs move, page 2

Weather

forecast

6am to midnight

London, SE England, E Anglia

### Letter from San Salvador

# Vote for El Corrupto. Madman or the Nazi

believed. El Salvador's presi- ground. "El Salvador will be believed. El Salvador's presidential contest on Sunday is the tomb", the song goes, between two men who are mentally ill and a third who doom." you would not insure your car with, let alone your country's

Major Roberto D'Aubuis-son, spitting out his words like machine-gun bullets, insists in all his rallies that his chief rival. Senor José Napoleon Duarte is "mad" - "el loco" - "bonkers." "insane" amid such like equivalents in Salvadorean argot. The Major's associates in the

extreme right Arena party are more specific, labelling Senor Duarte "a paranoid schizophrenic" Señor Duarte, aged 58, a

Christian Democrat brands D'Aubuisson a "Nazi" and nicknames him "Roberto d'Escuadron" after an escuadron de la muerie, or death squad. It is common on the squad. It is common Major campaign trail to hear Major called a D'Aubuisson called "a psychopath", picking up on D'Aubuisson the famous tag a former United States ambassador to El Salvador put on him. "a pathological killer".

And the dark horse candidate. Dr Francisco Guerrero. "Chachi" to his friends, of the establishment National Con-ciliation Party, is known as El Corrupto, recalling accusations a few years back that he was a whisky contrabandist. There is a joke doing the rounds in El Salvador at the moment. "How do you say corrupt in Japanese?" "Chachi".

The three candidates make their entry at election rallies in heavily theatrical styles.

Major D'Aubusson, aged 40, always arrives in a convoy of thickly bullet-proofed Cherokee Chief Jeeps. He steps out, carves his way through the crowd to the podium, a John Travolta figure in high cowboy boots and tight jeans. surrounded by men in dark glasses with machine guns over their shoulders.

Before he speaks, he exhoris the crowd to clap along with him to the Arena theme tune

If the campaign rhetoric of forever blasting away from a the candidates is to be loudspeaker in the back-"where the reds will meet their

The entry of Senor Duarie, the old man of Salvadorean politics, is much more stately, He walks slowly, loose-fitting shirts disguising a substantial paunch, as he waves with benevolent aloofness to the crowd. "Look at him." say his critics. "he thinks he's the Messiah. God come to carth to save El Salvador."

Dr Guerrero, aged 58, likes to appear on stage in the guise of a rock star, a role particularly at odds with his shirt-straining frame and avuncular, heavily bespectacled face.

As he bounces his jovial way through the crowds, his campaign manager turns up the volume on What a feelin the song from the film Flashdance, or sometimes it is the theme tune from Star Wars, both implicitly suggest-ing there is some truth in the widespread belief in El Salvador that the American embassy supports Chachi, the candidate most eager to please, the man most likely to bend to US policy, whatever it

The central message of Major D'Aubuisson's speeches. delivered with ferocious energy up and down the country. Is characteristically frank: You are either with him or against him. If you are against him, you are a comunista and all comunista must be liquidated and then, country's problems be solved.

Señor Duarte's booming voice exudes passionate sincerity, scoffing at Major D'Aubuisson's "peace of the cemeteries", and offering in its place "a social pact" which, he appears to believe, everyone, extreme right and extreme left, will embrace, penitentially laying down their arms and restoring health to the rotten Salvadorean state.

John Carlin

# THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

# 1984 COLLINS DICTIONARIES TIMES CROSSWORD CHAMPIONSHIP

All regional finals will begin at 2pm, and competitors qualifying may

check in from 1pm onwards. In accordance with the conditions previously published entrants who have been notified of qualification for the Championship and who have chosen the under-mentioned venues (which comprise all venues except Glasgow and Leeds) are required to attempt this eliminator puzzle and to send it with the completed form to Collins Dictionaries Times Crossword Championships. P.O. Box 4 Bridlington. North Humberside YO15 2EW, so that the envelope is postmarked not later than Monday. March 26.

The reductions to be effected are: Bristol entries to be reduced from 312

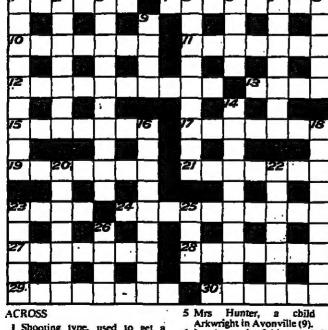
submit their attempts even if they cannot completely solve the puzzle, since it is probable that many partly correct entries will qualify, the intention being to have as many competitors at the regional finals as can be accommodated. (Last year, Bristol solvers with up to three errors, and

London solvers with up to six. qualified).

The solution will appear next Wednesday and entrants will be individually informed of the result of the climination within three weeks.

Venue (as previously chosen)...

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 16,385



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Solution of Puzzle No 16,384

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19 Part of office painted in black and gold, but unfinished (7). 21 Getting two out of five in

drawing (7).
23 With which to draw the line on Eton's playing fields? (4).

24 Chemist inventor of this garment receives his knight-

hood? (10). 27 One who had aged as a parent 28 Genetic system includes young growth with flattened stem (7). 29 Annul to put aright, perhaps

30 Tests made for instance in a ship (6).

1 Instrument of agreement on Greek maiden name (9).

Novel – what, this insect? (7).

mispronounce a layman (10).

CONCISE CROSSWORD PAGE 10

### Today's events

Royal engagements The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh attend a gala performance of Startight Express in aid of the Centre for World Development Education at the Apollo Theatre, Victoria, 7.50

The Duke of Edinburgh, patron and Twelfth Man, presents the Lord's Taverners' Schweppes County Championship Trophy at Buckingham Palace, 4.30.

Queen Elizabeth The Oucen Mother attends the annual general meeting of Queen Mary's London Needlework Guild at St James's

The Princess of Wales visits the Burleys Way Factory of T W Kempton Ltd, Burleys Way, Leicester, 12.30; and later visits Charnwood Mencap Society Glebe House, Forest Rd, Loughborough, Leicestershire, 1.50.

Princess Margaret attends a Service of Thanksgiving on the completion of the restoration work, Chelmsford Cathedral, 2.45. The Duke of Kent visits H

Clarkson & Son, 12 Camomile St, 12.15; and later lunches with the Baltic Exchange at St. Mary Axe, Last chance to see

Francis Dempsey - Watercolours Exhibition; Maclaurin Art Gallery, Rozelle Park, Ayr, 11 to 5. (ends

today). Exhibitions in progress

Recent work of Alexander Fraser, Aberdeen Art Galleries, School Hill, Mon to Sat 10 to 5. Thurs 10 to8. Sun 2 to 5. (until April 7).

Retrospective Exhibition, Colin Thomas, Artspace Galfery 21 Castle St, Aberdeen; Mon to Sat 10 to 5.30, Thu 10 to 8 closed Sun (ends March

lvor Abrahams, The Garden Image: Museum and Art Gallery, Le Mans Crescent, Bolton: Mon to Fri 9.30 to 5.30, Sat 10 to 5, (closed Wed & Sun) (until April 7).

Summerbill Artists Exhibition

Falmouth Art Gallery, Municipal Offices, Cornwall; Mon to Fri 10 to , 2 to 4.30 (closed Sat & Sun) (until Anthroplological Collections in

Anthropological Collections in Cambridge: Adeane Gallery, Fitzwilliam Museum, Trumpington St. Tues to Sat 10 to 4.50, Sun 2.15 to 4.50, (until May 6).

150 years of architectural drawings: Sheffield City Art Galleries, Weston Park, Mon to Sat 10 to 5. Sun 11 to 5. (until April 8).

Exhibitions of illustrations by past and present students; Festival Gallery, I Pierrepoint Place, Bath; Tues to Sat II to 5, (closed Sun & Mon) (until March 31). Punt exhibition; Ikon Gallery, 58-72 John Bright St. Birmingham; Fues to Sat 10 to 6, (closed Sun & Mon). (until March 31).

Flowers through Four Seasons by Sue Grimshaw, Leicester City Museum, Market Square, Mon to Sat 10 to 5, closed Sun (until April

Great Britain - Town and Country; original designs for postage stamps; George Room Gallery, Strond Subscription Rooms, Gloucestershire, Mon to Sat 10 to 5, closed Suns: (until March

Tim Whittaker - photographic

exhibition; Museum of Lakeland and Life Industry, Abbot Hall, Kendal, Cumbria; Mon to Fri 10.30 to 5.30, Sat and Sun 2 to 5 (until Sculpture by Ron Martin; Meadowplace Gallery, 10 Victoria to 5, closed Tues, Sun 2 to 6. (until April 7). April 7).

Pots by John Malthy, Peter
Dingley Gallery, 8 Chapel Street,
Stratford upon Aven; Mon to Sat
9.30 to 1.30 and 2.30 to 5.30, Thurs

### New books – paperback

each)
Escape With Me, An Oriental Sketch-book, by Osbert Sitwell (Oxford, £4.50)
India Britannica, by Geoffrey Moorhouse (Granada, £3.95)
James Joyce, by Richard Elimann (Oxford, £8.95)
J.B.S., The Life and Work J. S. B. Haldane, by Ronald Clark (Oxford, £3.95)
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The Oxford Shakespear, Henry V. The Taming of the Shrew, and Troilus and Cressida (Oxford, £2.50 each)

Roads

Talks

Court. Stage and Assembly louse: the Evolution of the Classical Orchestra, Royal Scottish Museum, Chambers Street, Edin-burgh, 7.30.

Concert by Lowri Blake (cello) and Caroline Palmer (piano), St Georges, Brandon Hill, Bristel, I.
St. John Passion, Uppinghan School choir, nr Leicester, Chapel, 7.30.

Recent work by Leon Kossoff, Fischer Fine Art, 30 King Street, St James's, SWI: Mon to Fri 10 to 5,30, Set 10 to 12.30 closed Sun (until April 27).

affairs and on the CAP.

Lords (3): Housing and Building
Control Bill, report, first day.

**Anniversaries** 

### The pound

The Siege at Peking, by Peter Fleming, intorduction by David Bonavia (Oxford, 53.95)

9.30 to 1.30, closed Sun (until April

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Lancaster University, Lancaster, Concert by Orchestre Jaziar, The Leadmill, Leadmill, Sheffield, 8.

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Paintings by Birdie Page. The Ginnel Gallery, 16 Lloyd Street, Manchester, Mon to Fri 9 to 5.

The Daily Mirror commenting on the EEC summit breakdown says: "Whatever the reasons, the excuses Mrs Thatcher went to the market in Brussels and came back empty-handed. Sugar the pill as she will, she lost. As a result the European Economic Community is in deep crisis. Sticking two fingers up Europe is the easy way nowadays for a politician to win applause in Britain. But where does it get us?

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New London exhibitions

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The Literary Editor's selection of interesting books published this week: Benaras, City of Light, By Diana L. Eck (Routledge & Kegan Paul, £9.95) Bowen's Court and Seven Winters, by Elizabeth Bowen (Virago, £4.95) Devoted Ledies, and The Rising Tide, by M. J. Farrel (Molly Keane) (Virago, £3.95)

Music Piano recital by John Clegg,

Works by Thelma Hulbert, Christopher Hull Gallery, 670 Fulham Road, SW6: Tues to Fri 10 to 6. Sat 10 to 4, closed Sun and Mon (until April 21).

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Greenhead, Northumberland, A61: Road narrows at junction of Marsh Way. Northgate roundabout, Wakefield. Scottend: A80: Two way on southbound carriageway at Cumbernaulid Road, south of Lenzie Road, Stepps, Lanarkshire. A82: Periodic halting of traffic for blasting, one lane only, temporary lights, two miles south of Ardiul, Dunbartonshire. Periodic. Only one lane with lights (Persley Bridge being rebuilt) north of Muglemoss Road, Aberdeen.

The papers

When we are in a minority

are in the wrong?

out of ten, isn't it just possible we

The view of the Daily Star owever is that Blaming Mrs.

Thatcher for the breakdown of the

EEC summit is like blamme a

householder for demanding the

burglar gives back his loot. Of course the Prime Minister is not

going to compromise over money that is rightfully ours and a system that it blatantly unfair to us. Why

the hell should she? For too long the

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The Daily Express

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SW. NW. NE England, Wales, Lake District: Becoming cloudy with outbreaks of rain turning showery with bright intervels later, wind SW moderate, max temp BC (46F). Isle of Man, Angyll, NW Scotland, N Ireland: Cloudy with rain turning showery with some bright intervals, wind SW tresh to strong, max temp 7C (45F). Stration.

Wates and West: A384/A385: Single lane traffic, temporary traffic signals between Totnes and Bucklast at Shinners Bridge, Dartington. A470: North and southbound carriageway lane closures south of Pontypridd, bridge repairs, temporary traffic signals at junction 32 (M4) Merthyr Tydfill. A55: Temporary signals between Bangor and Colwyn at Conwy.

North: A688: Investigation Into bridge structure, temporary lights at Cowghill Borders, Edinburgh, Dundee, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Cen Highlands: Bright intervals at first, becoming cloudy

engit snervais at tirst, becoming coolog with rain at times, wind SW fresh, max temp 8C (46F).

Aberdeed, Moray Firth, NE Scottand, Orkney, Shetland: Rain or snow dying out then a few bright intervals, further rain later wind S strong locally gate, max temp 7C (45).

Outlook for temporary and Saturday. Outlook for tomorrow and Saturday: Becoming changeable, with showers or longer periods of rain in most areas.

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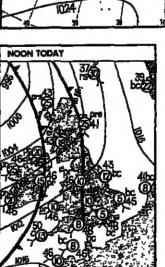
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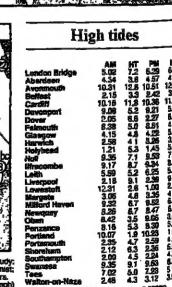
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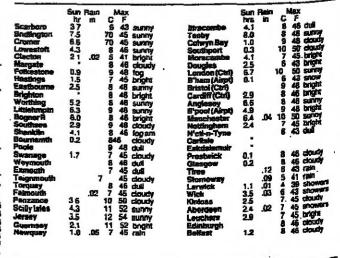
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